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is sometimes difficult to apply the rules of relevancy. In the first instance the Chair must respect the rights of hon. members to express their points of view, and one must hear that point of view before one can judge whether or not it is relevant. At that point it is sometimes apparent to other hon. members that the remarks go beyond what appears to be relevant. The Chair attempts as far as possible to apply the rules with fairness to all hon. members. I think it is in the interest of the application of these rules of relevancy that hon. members restrict their remarks to the matter before the house.

[*Translation*]

Mr. De Bané: Mr. Speaker, all I can say is that it will not be the member for Témiscamingue (Mr. Caouette) or the admirers of Hitler and Mussolini who will teach us the rules of democracy.

[*English*]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. I again point out to the hon. member for Matane that the Standing Order and the citations are very specific in respect of relevancy. I am wondering whether, if we continue to proceed in this way, we will advance the legislation before us. I can caution the hon. member only so many times.

[*Translation*]

Mr. De Bané: That minority is trying to—

[*English*]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please.

[*Translation*]

Mr. De Bané: Mr. Speaker, I am going to deal specifically with the amendment under consideration, but I cannot refrain from saying a word, apart from the amendment, about the supporting arguments put forward by members of the Ralliement créditiste. And it is with that in mind that, before dealing with that specific point, I wish to say that the Ralliement créditiste is holding up the business of the house after its members tried to secure the voters' support which failed them at the last election.

I remind you that, in the Matane constituency, Créditistes did not muster 10 per cent of the votes while the whole campaign hinged on the abortion problem, and they were defeated on that particular issue—

[*English*]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. I think this is the third time I have pointed out

to the hon. member that the rules in respect of relevancy are very specific. Remarks of hon. members must be directed to the amendment. I intend to enforce these rules as forcefully as I can, but I should also point out to the hon. member that if I were to allow him to continue in this fashion I would then have no option but to allow other hon. members to pursue the same course. This would only produce disorder in the house, and my responsibility is to maintain order. Let me point out to the hon. member that he must confine his remarks to the specific amendment before us. The rule of relevancy applies to him as it does to all other hon. members, and I intend to enforce it in respect of all hon. members.

• (4:40 p.m.)

[*Translation*]

Mr. De Bané: Mr. Speaker, I congratulate you for the shrewdness and the fairness with which you are presiding over the debates of this house. As for the amendment before us, it is, once more thanks to a legal fiction, the repetition of the motion which has just been defeated this afternoon by 90 per cent of the members.

Mr. Speaker, what is the Ralliement Créditiste trying to achieve with this amendment? We have just heard the hon. member for Beauce (Mr. Rodrigue) repeat a lot of platitudes and nonsense, while the bill is the first attempt to regulate therapeutic abortion in Canada. Never has a physician who had performed a therapeutic abortion been prosecuted in Canada in the last 100 years. An effort is now being made at last to regulate this vexing subject.

In view of the democratic system, that is to say of the equality between men, I respect the opinion of the hon. member for Beauce (Mr. Rodrigue) since no one has the right to thrust his opinion on someone else. But when a minority has been trying for 19 days with amendments such as today's which is a repetition of yesterday's to make its opinion prevail, I submit that those people are trying to have the minority rule the majority. And I fear the day when these disciples of Hitler and Mussolini would have the majority, for we can see how they act, although they are but a minority today.

Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, you called the hon. member to order at least four times and he has overlooked your remarks. I would therefore invite you to name this member and to expel him from the house.