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Mr. Kilgour: Mr. Speaker, it is not a question of imputing motives, it is simply a statement of fact with respect to two speakers, and we will soon see that it is the case for the third speaker, the hon. member for Scarborough Centre when he rises to speak on the bill.

We now have three minutes left. I believe the hon. member for Vancouver Centre has stated the case far better than I am capable of doing. I would simply like to move: that the subject matter of the question be referred to the justice committee for consideration.

However, I predict that the hon. member for Scarborough Centre will stand up when I sit down and finish the job begun by the other two members of his caucus.

Mr. Collenette: Mr. Speaker, I understood the hon. member would like to move that the subject matter be referred to the committee. But I think his motion, as it was read, was incomplete and inadmissible.

Mr. Robinson (Burnaby): Mr. Speaker, if the Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Collenette) wishes to see the subject matter of this bill referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs I am sure that unanimous consent would be accorded to frame that motion in the proper terminology, and the hon. member for Scarborough Centre (Mr. Kelly) would not want to impede that motion from being passed by talking out the bill.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I call attention of hon. members to the fact that if hon. members wish to move a motion, they are at liberty to do so. The rules require that the motion be put in writing to the Chair. At this stage no hon. member appears to be observing the rules. Therefore, under the circumstances, the Chair recognizes the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Supply and Services (Mr. Kelly).

Mr. Norman Kelly (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Supply and Services): Mr. Speaker, it is my role this afternoon to offer a detailed technical analysis of a number of clauses of the hon. member's bill, specifically clauses 5 through 8. But before I do so, I would like to comment briefly on the challenge issued by the hon. member for Burnaby (Mr. Robinson) who said, as members of his party are often wont to do,

that if we do not agree with their interpretation of this bill, it must mean we are against either the substance or the attitudes expressed in the bill. He reminded me of arguments that children often bring to bear in debate with people senior to them, that if you do not agree with me on this argument, then you do not love me.

I point out that there may be many areas of agreement between him and his party and myself and my party but it does not mean, because I do not vote in favour of this bill, that I do not share or sympathize with him in the larger areas. I do, and we do. This is a very complex bill.

Mr. Robinson (Burnaby): Send the subject matter to committee.

Mr. Kelly: For that reason, I want to look at a number of clauses and share with the House some of my personal feelings about the contents of those clauses.

The principle that the state has no business in the bedrooms or boudoirs of the nation is a valid principle. It is one with which I am sure all members of this House would agree and with which I think most of the public would agree. But as with all principles, there must be limiting conditions. For example, the limiting condition neglected by clauses 7 and 8 of Bill C-242 which, in effect, repeal the offence of gross indecency—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. According to interpretations normally extended, private members hour has now expired at this point.

Mr. Knowles: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. In view of the interest in this debate and the several very good speeches that have been made, would there be unanimous consent for us to proceed until five o'clock?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is there unanimous consent to continue the sitting until five o'clock this afternoon?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: There being no unanimous consent, this House stands adjourned until Monday next at two o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to Standing Order 2(1).

At 4.46 p.m. the House adjourned without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.