

*Criminal Code*

It is only a small part of the population which is asking for abortion. The majority of women who ask for an abortion are doing so because their contraceptive means have failed them. One day they find themselves with a human being on their hands—or rather in their belly, and they want to get rid of it.

So, for such women abortion becomes the 100 per cent effective last resort contraceptive means but they do not know that the government will be their accomplice, that they are themselves being the accomplices of a murderer, and that they are only compounding their problems.

Abortion is not a contraceptive method. Abortion can be a solution in the case where the life of a woman is undoubtedly in danger, but certainly not in the case where her health is only likely to be endangered.

This is why in all cases where abortion could be considered permissible if her health is likely to be danger, the therapeutic abortion committee, the doctors and the patient want an abortion, because in their eyes it is the best means of contraception.

Mr. Speaker, such sex education is unbalanced, evil. It is not on such wrong values that we are going to build a society and give good examples to our children.

Mr. Speaker, as legislators, we have the responsibility to build a country on solid grounds or on solid values, not only moral but human values. I think that to respect the life of others is basically a question of humanity.

That is why we must respect the life of the tiny being who is in the mother's womb, who has no means of defending himself, who is absolutely innocent, who has committed no crime and who has not asked to be born, and whom some would be ready to kill.

Mr. Speaker, if the government members persist in their untenable position, they will become accomplices in all such murders committed in Canada. Let them rise and say that it is not so, let them prove that it is not so. Abortion is truly murder, murder of a poor and innocent victim who has not asked to be there. Mr. Speaker, we have some responsibilities, let us discharge them.

There is another reason why I am in favour of deleting this clause, this stupid clause 18, and it is as follows: Abortion is an indication of a deep-rooted problem, it results from a lack of understanding of sexuality. Used more as a last resort where contraceptives have failed, abortion, in my humble opinion, belongs to the socialist and communist theo-

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ries favouring such extremes as birth-control, the killing of the disabled and euthanasia.

If one investigates and reads up, as I have done, about the different problems facing the socialist countries that have adopted similar measures, one finds that one thing inevitably leads to the other in such socialist and communist theories. This action is based on the opinions of extremists who support it and whose basic values are contraception, elimination of the disabled and euthanasia.

Any member willing to deny this is invited to do so, but I would not like to be in his shoes and to have to defend that position, because we have not only historical but also scientific evidence from the testimonies and books at our disposal.

Another reason why I object to maintaining clause 18 in the bill and why I am 100 per cent for deleting clause 18 from the bill, is the following, and this is quite an important one:

• (9:50 p.m.)

The whole world is making an all-out effort to bring down the infantile mortality rate and the mortality rate in general. Tremendous efforts are being made all over the world to achieve heart transplants, to fight cancer—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. Order. I regret to interrupt the hon. member but his time has expired.

**Mr. Henry Latulippe (Compton):** Mr. Speaker, at this stage of the bill, I should like to give my opinion and to show what kind of bill this is. I should like to demonstrate that this is an anti-social, anti-human, anti-respectable and anti-responsible bill.

Mr. Speaker, under no consideration can we accept this bill. I do not see why the government, the Minister of Justice (Mr. Turner), the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau), have introduced such a bill, in a country like Canada, in a developing country in search of a growing and homogeneous population.

I should like to endeavor to argue that the bill that has been presented is anti-moral, unthinkable, criminal, unjustifiable, incompatible, inconceivable and mortal, for the people.

This is a fatal measure for citizens to be, because, with its infamous rules, it is imposed upon the nation despite their will and good intentions. The bill that is imposed is anti-conceptual, anti-moral, anti-Canadian—I would say—anti-medical, anti-Christian, anti-Democratic, anti-legal, anti-infanticide, anti-