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yet these people over there are trying to protect the rights of the individual. This couple have not been together for 15 years and in the intervening time the wife has had an illegitimate child. Yet that pair over there are trying to protect the rights of individuals. It is nothing but plain cruelty—

The Deputy Chairman: Order. The hon. member must refer only to Bill No. SD-30.

Mr. Horner (Acadia): I don't know whether the hon. member objects to the evidence or whether he says it is wrong or whether he does not believe in it, but on page 11 we have the question:

Q. You were just told; she did not admit it herself?

A. She did admit it.

That is with regard to the illegitimate child. The hon. member goes on and reads the evidence, and we can all read, I hope. These people have not been together for 15 years, according to the evidence. An illegitimate child has been born to the wife, and certainly we should grant the divorce and get on with the proceedings and pass on to the next case. This evidence is clear if ever there was a clear case before this committee. It went through the Senate committee and the evidence is all here. I think we should get on and give those people a divorce and try and do something for the rights of others, besides narrow-mindedness and pig-headedness on the part of—

The Deputy Chairman: Order. I recognize the hon. member for Halifax.

Mr. McCleave: Mr. Chairman, the hon. member for Skeena was reading the evidence but his time ran out before he was able to read some further evidence at the bottom of page 16 which gives a better appearance to this case than the evidence he read before in which he made reference to what looked like an arrangement to follow the wife on this particular night. Even looking at the evidence which appears at the bottom of page 16 the case was not, I think one would say, a particularly happy one, but I think the scales of justice have been thrown into proper balance and we can make up our minds that this person is deserving of a divorce by the fact that the wife had been carrying on with another man at another time, as the baby attests, and also by the fact that the marriage to all intents and purposes was dissipated a long time ago.

I will not read the actual evidence; I prefer to take part in the debate rather than read this sort of thing before people in the public gallery and hon. members in the committee. But there is evidence on page 16 which

rather softens the effect of some of the evidence which has been read hitherto.

Mr. Howard: I imagine the hon. member for Acadia could look down the neck of any medicine bottle with two eyes at the same time when it comes to narrow-mindedness.

The Deputy Chairman: Order.

Mr. Horner (Acadia): Well, at least I am not a communist.

Mr. Howard: Do you know anyone in this house who is?

Mr. Horner (Acadia): I know someone who could be.

Mr. Howard: You are nothing but a dirty liar.

The Deputy Chairman: Order.

Mr. Howard: I resent accusations of this kind, Mr. Chairman, and I ask the hon. member to withdraw them completely.

The Deputy Chairman: Order.

Mr. Howard: He called me a communist.

The Deputy Chairman: I did not hear the hon. member say you were a communist. I may be wrong in what I heard, but would the hon. member advise me whether he did so?

Mr. Horner (Acadia): I said I was looking at one who could be.

Mr. Howard: He was looking at you when he said that, Mr. Chairman.

The Deputy Chairman: The hon. member did not say you were.

Mr. McCleave: Mr. Chairman, on a question of privilege, I believe the hon. member for Skeena used the phrase, "dirty liar". That is definitely unparliamentary and I suggest he withdraws it.

The Deputy Chairman: I did not hear that phrase.

Mr. McCleave: He said that from his seat.

Mr. Howard: No, I said it while standing up, as I make all my remarks.

The Deputy Chairman: If the hon. member said "dirty liar" I will have to ask him to withdraw that remark.

Mr. Howard: I will gladly do that now that the hon. member for Acadia has backed away from his initial slanderous accusation.

The Deputy Chairman: Order.

Mr. Horner (Acadia): That is what I said at the start.

Mr. Howard: You do not withdraw it?

Mr. Horner (Acadia): I said what I said.