

threats, through the intimation that wrong would be done to or harm perpetrated upon the relatives of such people in the countries in which those relatives reside. This section, whereby the threat that in Canada or elsewhere violence will be done to any person is made an offence, is one that will go a long way toward strengthening the hands of the enforcement officers. Persons in this country are sometimes subjected to the threat that, unless they give support to communist works or to communist funds, or in any other way assist in the spread of communism, harm will be done to their relatives. This section will cover such a situation. I am glad also to say that the addition of the words "or attempts to intimidate", placing it in the same position as though the full and complete offence of intimidation were perpetrated, will be of great assistance and will uphold the arm of the law in a great many cases throughout this country.

Section agreed to.

Section 16 agreed to.

On section 17—Search in gaming houses.

Mr. SMITH (Calgary West): Will the minister explain section 17? I notice that the explanatory note reads:

17. This section is amended by striking out the words "as defined by section two hundred and twenty-nine" because the definition of "disorderly house" is moved to the definition section.

Is this merely a matter of mechanics, leaving the substance of the law as it is?

Mr. ILSLEY: Yes; that is it.

Section agreed to.

On section 18—Bail after committal.

Mr. SMITH (Calgary West): This amendment is just to correct an obvious error?

Mr. ILSLEY: Yes.

Mr. SMITH (Calgary West): Very well.

Section agreed to.

Sections 19 to 23 inclusive agreed to.

On section 24—Information not objectionable on certain grounds.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: Is this supposed to cover objections which have been taken from time to time that the information contains a duality of offences or where the offence has been stated in the alternative and the information has been declared defective because of that fact?

Mr. ILSLEY: There is no change whatever in the law. I debated with myself whether

I would introduce this amendment. It leaves out the explanatory matter found in the present section. If the hon. gentleman will look at the present section 725, which is set out in the explanatory notes, he will see that in it a most unusual thing is done. An explanation is given, beginning with the words "for example, in charging an offence under section 553 it may be alleged" and so on. The commissioners of uniformity thought that was bad draftsmanship and that it was better to leave those words out. They just clutter up the statute book.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: It must not restrict the generality of the foregoing words?

Mr. ILSLEY: No.

Section agreed to.

Section 25 agreed to.

On section 26—Dismissal of complaint for assault.

Mr. SMITH (Calgary West): What is the purpose of the words "if requested so to do", in the fourth line from the bottom of the page?

Mr. ILSLEY: The justice does not have to force a certificate on a person who does not want it; that is all.

Mr. SMITH (Calgary West): What is the object of the certificate in the first place? I suppose that has to do with civil proceedings or something of that sort. There is some general law to the effect that if I go into a police court and charge somebody with assault, I may take away my civil rights by so doing.

Mr. ILSLEY: No. Only the words "if

Mr. SMITH (Calgary West): I was wondering if there was any substantial change there.

Mr. ILSLEY: No. Only the words "if requested so to do" were added.

Section agreed to.

Sections 27 and 28 agreed to.

On section 29—Complainant may be bound over.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: With regard to breach of the peace or threatened breach of the peace, up to the present time the procedure has been for the charge to be laid by the complainant. Then, if the charge is well founded, the defendant is bound over to keep the peace. Now a new section is introduced whereby the person who complains that he has been interfered with, and that threats have been made to him, finds that