

Family Allowances Act, 1973

And more than five Members having risen:

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Call in the Members.

The House divided on the motion (Mr. Epp (Provencher)), which was agreed to on the following division:

(Division No. 180)

YEAS

Members

Andre
Beatty
Belsher
Bernier
Bertrand
Blais
Blenkarn
Bourgault
Brightwell
Brisco
Browes
Cardiff
Clark
(Yellowhead)
Clark
(Brandon-Souris)
Clinch
Coates
Cochrane
Collins
Comeau
Cook
Cooper
Corbett
Cossitt
Crombie
Crosbie
(St. John's West)
Crouse
Darling
Daubney
de Cotret
Desjardins
Dick
Domm
Duguay
Edwards
Ellis
Epp
(Provencher)
Fennell
Fontaine
Forrestall
Fraleigh
Fretz
Gagnon
Gass
Gervais
Girard
Gormley

Gray
(Bonaventure-Îles-de-la-Madeleine)
Greenaway
Guilbault
(Drummond)
Gurbin
Gustafson
Halliday
Hamilton
Hawkes
Hees
Hnatyshyn
Holtmann
Horner
James
Jepson
Johnson
(Bonavista-Trinity-Conception)
Joncas
Jourdenais
Kelleher
Kempling
Kilgour
Kindy
Ladouceur
Landry
La Salle
Layton
Lesick
Lewis
MacDougall
(Timiskaming)
MacKay
Maily
Mantha
Marin
Martin
Mayer
Mazankowski
McCain
McDermid
McInnes
McKinnon
McKnight
McMillan
Merrithew
Minaker
Mitges

Nicholson
(Niagara Falls)
Nickerson
Nielsen
Oberle
O'Neil
Ostrom
Pennock
Plamondon
Plourde
Porter
Price
Ravis
Redway
Reid
Ricard
St. Germain
Schellenberger
(Wetaskiwin)
Scott
(Hamilton-Wentworth)
Scowen
Shields
Sparrow
Speyer
Stackhouse
Stevens
Stewart
Suluk
Tardif
(Charlebourg)
Taylor
Thacker
Towers
Tremblay
(Québec-Est)
Turner
(Ottawa-Carleton)
Vankoughnet
Vézina
Vincent
Weiner
Wenman
Wilson
(Swift Current-Maple Creek)
Winegard
Wise
Witer—131.

NAYS

Members

Althouse
Angus
Axworthy
Benjamin
Berger
Blackburn
(Brant)
Blaikie
Boudria
Broadbent
Caccia
Cassidy
Copps
Deans
de Jong
Epp
(Thunder Bay-Nipigon)
Finestone
Frith

Fulton
Gagliano
Gauthier
Gray
(Windsor West)
Guilbault
(Saint-Jacques)
Heap
Henderson
Hopkins
Hovdebo
Jewett
Kaplan
Keeper
MacLellan
McDonald
(Broadview-Greenwood)
Mitchell

Murphy
Nicholson
(Trinity)
Nunziata
Nystrom
Orlikow
Parry
Penner
Prud'homme
Riis
Robichaud
Robinson
Rodriguez
Rompkey
Rossi
Tobin
Waddell
Young—49.

● (1710)

Mr. Speaker: I declare the motion carried.

Bill read the third time and passed.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—PUBLIC BILLS

[English]

CRIMINAL CODE

AMENDMENT RESPECTING ABORTION PROCEDURES

The House resumed from Thursday, September 12, 1985, consideration of the motion of Mr. Gormley that Bill C-226, an Act to amend the Criminal Code (abortion), be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

Mr. Bob Brisco (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I welcome the opportunity to speak to this Bill introduced by my colleague, the Hon. Member for The Battlefords-Meadow Lake (Mr. Gormley). The Bill that is before us today proposes to remove from the Criminal Code the endangerment of health of the mother as a ground for abortion.

The Hon. Member deserves a great deal of credit for his commitment to the protection of the unborn. I respect his views and I share those views in many ways. Like him, I realize the vital importance of this issue for all Canadians. I must say, however, that I do not think that Private Members' hour is the only place to be considering an amendment to the Criminal Code on such a significant clause and issue. We can have our discussion and we can acquaint Members with issues involved. It is essential, however, that we ensure that any decision to amend the Criminal Code as proposed will be taken only after a full examination of all the issues and with the full understanding by all Members.

Recently the Minister of State announced new immigration objectives of the Government of Canada. There are those in my constituency who have written to me in protest and they are saying flatly, no more immigration or more sharply reduced below the numbers that we have announced. They say that without knowing that Canada, in 1965, was the youngest nation in the world in terms of our population and age. Now, in 1986, we are the oldest in terms of the average age for a population. We are sustaining a net loss in our population. For whatever reasons young Canadian couples are either not having any children or are having one or two children. Diminishing population is not in its own right a valid reason to change current law in the Criminal Code pertaining to abortion, but I am still moved to ask why so many fetuses are destroyed, and where it would be difficult to medically demonstrate a valid and serious health risk to the mother in each case.