

### *Equality Rights*

societal betterment. Getting more by doing less, homosexuals soon come to regard special treatment as their inherent right.

That is what the paragraph in the motion says. It is special treatment by mentioning homosexuals and not the word sex:

Those who are rewarded for leeching soon come to regard society with contempt, deserving destruction.

Homosexuals often spend their "extra" disposable income roaming the world in search of sexual adventure.

I might add that according to statistics it is estimated that a homosexual has from 20 to 106 partners per year. Think of that in terms of AIDS alone, Madam Speaker:

Because of their promiscuity and incredible unsanitary sexual practices—

I have reams and reams of documented medical evidence here of how terrible that is:

—pathogens once localized in a given geographic region are rapidly being spread throughout the world. AIDS is a first fruit of this process and many more plagues stemming from homosexual behaviour are bound to occur. Homosexuals have already compromised the nation's blood supply and are straining the resources of the medical community.

**Mr. Robinson:** Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order. The Speaker on another occasion when language used was deemed to be deeply offensive to many Members of this House called the Member in question to order and suggested that his language might indeed give rise to a situation of disorder. I suggest that this kind of pathological homophobic attack which is being made by the Member falls into precisely the same category of language, particularly when it is his own Government, his own colleagues, the Minister of Transport (Mr. Crosbie) and the former Minister of Justice whom he is accusing of being anti-biblical because they have adopted the principles included in this motion. I would ask that you, Madam Speaker, recognize that the language is out of order.

[*Translation*]

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne):** The Hon. Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada (Mr. Gérin) rises on a point of order.

**Mr. Gérin:** Madam Speaker, it is because we are in a situation where we have to use such expressions which, under other circumstances, might not be appropriate. But because of the very nature of the motion moved by the Hon. Member, we have to use these terms.

I suggest it was the choice of the Hon. Member who moved this motion to force the House to use these terms which my hon. friend has just used.

Under the circumstances, I suggest we should allow the Hon. Member to continue.

• (1740)

[*English*]

**Mr. St. Germain:** Madam Speaker, the Hon. Member was merely pointing out the statistical facts produced by the medical profession and other organizations. It was no more than that. It was not a question of attacking any group or

segment of society. He was merely laying the facts on the table as seen by certain people in the medical profession.

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne):** At this point the Chair thinks this is really a point of debate. It is not a matter of being offensive and it does not relate at all to a ruling given by Mr. Speaker a short while ago. I ask the Hon. Member to conclude within a minute, please.

**Mr. Stewart:** Madam Speaker, if I were to read some of the statistics and some of the homosexual acts recorded here, perhaps the Hon. Member opposite would have something to complain about.

Homosexual activity, combined with modern modes of transportation, ensures that the world's medical problems become both our risk and our financial burden. It goes on to talk about drug addicts, but I shall conclude by saying that the last thing we as Canadians need is to listen to moralizing by someone who does not believe or march in step with most of the people whom I believe and march in step with. I can remember when "gay" meant "happy". That is the last thing it means today. If we allow something like this to happen in Canada, God help us in the future.

**Mr. Mike Cassidy (Ottawa Centre):** Madam Speaker, I want to speak briefly in support of the motion put forward by my colleague, the Hon. Member for Burnaby (Mr. Robinson). Because it is reflected in-party policy it also has the support of the NDP. Our practice in conventions is to pass policy which then becomes the policy of the Party rather than pass motions which are advisory to the Leader of the Party.

I have to say that if some Members wished to oppose this resolution and did so in a measured way, I might have accepted that. However, I am appalled by the language and approach taken by the Hon. Member for Simcoe South (Mr. Stewart) and the Hon. Member for Charlevoix (Mr. Hamelin) in their interventions. I remind Hon. Members that this proposal was considered at great length by the Subcommittee on Equality Rights of the Standing Committee on Justice and Solicitor General. It is now encompassed in a proposal accepted by the Government.

Both the Canadian and the American Psychiatric Associations, whose members have a great deal of knowledge of psychiatric disorders, have for more than a decade taken the view that homosexuality is not a disease. It is an orientation taken by a significant proportion of our population, both male and female. By all accounts it is not chosen, it happens. People grow up with it and it affects both men and women. There are homosexuals in the Government of Canada, the Armed Forces, our police forces and the RCMP. They work in the Department of External Affairs. They are undoubtedly Members of Parliament. Homosexuals are to be found among teachers, the clergy, doctors, lawyers, factory and shop workers, indeed among most walks of life in our society. That does not create a problem except to the extent that people become victimized because of their sexual orientation or because of fear of what