

● (3:00 p.m.)

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

CRIMINAL CODE

The house resumed, from Wednesday, February 12, consideration of the motion of Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton) that Bill C-150, to amend the Criminal Code, the Parole Act, the Penitentiary Act, the Prisons and Reformatories Act and to make certain consequential amendments to the Combines Investigation Act, the Customs Tariff and the National Defence Act, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

[Translation]

Mr. Henri Latulippe (Compton): Mr. Speaker, at the time of adjournment, yesterday, I was explaining the importance, the greatness and the existence of man. If we are to know where we are going, the importance of humanity and its components must be known.

I was saying also that we will have a just society to the extent that its components are sound. Society should not be made up solely of corrupt elements, but it should also have elements that are purified through legislation and motives which are adapted to man.

Being its absolute master and vested with powers by an absolute collective strength, a nation which is composed of absolute units recognizes only those collective forces that it uses with consummate skill to neutralize them.

The state ignores man and loathes him. For its own designs, man is a material, a thing, a number, a file and nothing more. The modern state is the enemy of man, of the human being and of the essence and existence of humanity itself.

There is no solution, in the world of the law. There are only irreconcilable inconsistencies, we must get out of this tragic and destructive dilemma; we must replace disorder by order, freedom and the recognition of every human being.

The community exists, Mr. Speaker, as long as there are individuals to make it up. The community means almost nothing if it were not for the human being.

The existence of communities is dependent upon individuals. When we say "community", it is an abstract word which does not cover every individual; we refer rather to a group of individuals.

Criminal Code

Society must recognize the importance of every individual. Something might be done for the community, provided there are sound individuals and the legislation is consistent with natural and Christian ethics.

These values must be protected at all costs. The only proper order is that which comes from the great moral law: respect for life. According to that law, man is the beginning and the end.

There is no other method but that which stems from him to lead to him.

After a long history, humanity faces a mortal danger by accepting a degrading settlement, made possible by making legal everything which is contrary to order and to morality.

Man has become an incredible industrial giant. In our modern world, it is possible to give food and shelter to everyone. There are equal opportunities in life for everyone irrespective of his environment and his education. Then, what is the obstacle but old hatred, fears and the covetousness of the human heart?

The Canadian people must understand that situation and say with all their will power and self-control: We are going to take great strides so that we may together live through the next stage of our Canadian development. Otherwise Canadians will destroy themselves, as surely as there is a sun shining above us.

Apart from being pernicious, the provisions in this bill dealing with homosexuality and abortion will lead the nation to its own destruction.

Mr. Speaker, I should like to see the establishment of a plan or discipline that would not only lay down what is just in family and community life today, but also lead the Canadian people on the road to a clear conscience, so that all individuals and all nations may live peacefully and harmoniously.

With my whole being and with all the respect I can summon, I must thank my mother for having given birth to me. I would never have seen the light without her. I do not know of anybody who was ever born without a mother. Every human being is of great importance. The importance of a human being is unequalled and human life is priceless.

Frankly, Mr. Speaker, women as a whole are more courageous than men. They have more courage. They need it since they must live with men. We expect them to give us comfort in our bedrooms and beauty in our living-rooms.