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which I was enumerating a while ago that the physical health of the mother or her health, as the minister wants to define it, are endangered. The therapeutic abortion committee will still be responsible for a crime and will be answerable for it if they grant a certificate authorizing an abortion without scientific considerations.

And we can hope that, of those three physicians, at least one will be conscientious enough, will respect his professional ethics enough to say: Hon. members of the committee, we cannot deliver a certificate allowing the abortion of this patient, since neither from the scientific point of view nor from another point of view is the life of the patient or her health really in danger. We have no evidence of it.

Then, Mr. Speaker, in that case, this physician who is conscientious enough to do his duty according to his professional ethics, will protect not only the foetus but the woman as well, whose abortion could have been a danger and a misfortune rather than something

good, because absolutely negative reasons or psychic disorders induced her to seek abortion.

And that doctor will have protected—and that is the joint I am interested in and which I want to emphasize—not only the foetus but also the patient, because her motives were negative.

The important point is that the therapeutic abortion committee of that hospital will also feel secure, will also be protected, for the simple reason that it could not be made responsible of a decision that was not in accordance with the law.

Mr. Speaker, may I call it six o'clock and call an ambulance for the Liberal members?

[*English*]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Order, please. It being six o'clock the house stands adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock.

At six o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.
