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ers in trouble the resources of medicine and psychiatry. It must ensure a greater understanding of unwed mothers and of their children and actually meet their needs. It must promote research and the implementation of a more adequate social and family policy.

Everybody seems to agree on the meaning of the word life. But we are unable to define health, because this term is quite ambiguous. It is all very well for the legislature to use it, but somebody else will have to interpret it. Numerous pieces of legislation give rise to the same problem. I think the world life is clearly defined. We all know what we are talking about and we can actually tell if the life of such or such a woman is in danger.

Mr. Speaker, it is wise for the legislation to require that three doctors sign the certificate, and such is the main purpose of this motion. Doctors will enjoy some protection, patients will be assured that their case will receive serious consideration and will not be treated as mere correspondence.

Doctors who have authorized therapeutic abortions are certainly no criminals.

I feel this motion will clarify the legislation under consideration and that it will be approved by the house.

**Mr. Jean-Charles Cantin (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, the comments which we could have made on that amendment were similar to those made when amendment No. 35 was under consideration. I had the opportunity yesterday to say a word on that amendment and the same remarks apply, but I would add that this afternoon, the Minister of Justice (Mr. Turner) set forth the reasons why he rejected amendment No. 38.

Now, amendment No. 37 has the same meaning and the same motivation as amendments Nos. 35 and 38. Then, the same arguments apply and for the same reasons, the government cannot approve that new amendment.

**Mr. Pierre De Bané (Matane):** Mr. Speaker, as mentioned by the hon. member for Louis-Hébert (Mr. Cantin), the amendment now under consideration moved by the hon. member for Beauce (Mr. Rodrigue) is a rehash of the one discussed yesterday.

Through a legal expedient, the Ralliement créditiste has decided to destroy the democratic mechanism which is Parliament.

Mr. Speaker, that the amendment brought in by the Ralliement créditiste is obviously a [Mr. Rodrigue.]

method, a means to snatch away from the Canadian people the exercise of democracy, that is—

[English]

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member for Shefford on a point of order.

[Translation]

**Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. This afternoon, we have strictly confined ourselves to the amendments before us. We have been most conscientious. We are making rapid progress in the consideration of the amendments and we find the hon. member for Matane (Mr. De Bané) is not justified in making such remarks, because they are out of order.

[English]

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please. If the point of order the hon. member is making is that possibly the hon. member for Matane is out of order, I must say that from what I have heard so far I am in agreement. I have been paying fairly close attention to the debate this afternoon and endeavouring to apply the rules of relevancy in order to expedite this matter. I would now invite the hon. member for Matane, if he wants to contribute further to the debate, to restrict his remarks to the amendment before us.

[Translation]

**Mr. Pierre De Bané (Matane):** Mr. Speaker, the Ralliement créditiste has been out of order for 19 days. I dare them to say how—

**Mr. Caouette:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

**Mr. De Bané:** I would ask the hon. member for Témiscamingue (Mr. Caouette) to wait until I am finished.

**Mr. Caouette:** I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. De Bané:** All right, go ahead.

**Mr. Caouette:** I think this is no business of the member for Matane (Mr. De Bané) who is presently behaving like a clown. He is out of order, and to show how smart he is, he is constantly picking on Créditistes. The member for Matane knows we are ready for an encounter anywhere, because we can settle the hash of a hundred like him.

[English]

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please. As I pointed out to the hon. member for Matane, it