

*Criminal Code*

Our side of the house, through our spokesman, asked that the bill be divided so that members could express their approval of those portions of the bill of which they approve and express their disapproval of those portions which are repugnant to them. That was refused. Will you tell, me, Mr. Speaker—and I am sure if you could, you would say that you cannot—why the government, in their lack of wisdom, did not consent to divide the bill.

**Mr. Woolliams:** They put aspirins in the candy.

**Mr. Flemming:** I cannot understand it and never will because I am convinced that there are many fine people supporting the government. How they ever were persuaded not to allow the bill to be split so that amendments of this nature could be voted upon is more than I will ever be able to understand. According to the hon. member for York East (Mr. Otto) the minister did not explain anything on second reading. He made no effort to do so. He would never be appointed a minister of justice in any government of mine, because he did a very poor job. Probably the hon. member who sits next to the curtain across the aisle could do somewhat better.

**Mr. Woolliams:** I hope we are looking at the right man.

**Mr. Flemming:** I am looking at the hon. member for Hamilton-Wentworth (Mr. Gibson).

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**An hon. Member:** I would prefer the Minister of Justice (Mr. Turner).

**Mr. Flemming:** That is where we differ, Mr. Speaker. As I said, the Minister of Justice failed to convince anyone that he had a case. He did not answer the question: What is the government going to do about the young people, the 16 year olds. They will make this act legal for consenting adults of 21 years and over. What about those who are twenty and a half years old, and those who are 19 years

old? The situation is ridiculous because, according to this bill an 18 year old boy will be liable to 14 years in the penitentiary while the 21 year old will go free.

Homosexuality will be made legal, as the government says, because it is being practised. This would also apply to murder because we have murder, rape, and armed robbery. According to that theory, all these acts should be made legal and respectable by an act of this parliament. I cannot see for the life of me how anyone can justify this bill in its present form. I realize it will be passed or the government would not present it. But I tell you that in my opinion this parliament will be known as the parliament which legalized homosexuality, and the minister will go down in history as the minister who brought in the bill to do it. That is what will appear in the history books. I hear an hon. member saying that they are willing to take the chance. But I am not willing to take the chance, and neither do I propose to do it. They are going to put the stamp of approval on homosexuality, sodomy and bestiality. The minister still has a chance to remove those objectionable features. If he does, no particular harm will be done to the administration of justice in this country, as everyone within sound of my voice knows.

These clauses are in the bill because someone said that the government has to put it through in its present form.

**Mr. Woolliams:** That is the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau).

**Mr. Flemming:** I say to you that I will support the amendment to delete this clause because I think that is what the people of my constituency want me to do. Moreover, that is what I think the majority of the people of Canada want this government to do if they will only do it.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order. It being six o'clock, this house stands adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

At six o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.