

Criminal Code

• (8:40 p.m.)

[Translation]

I have here another telegram.

[English]

It is from Reverend James Montgomery, Conference Liaison office:

The Western Ontario District Conference of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada meeting in Kitchener, Ontario, May first, 1969 reaffirmed the motion passed by the general conference of the Pentecostal assemblies of Canada at Windsor, Ontario—

[Translation]

—against the adoption of a measure of abortion—

[English]

—the district conference most strongly objects to the reprehensible features of the omnibus bill legalizing abortion that in our judgment give unqualified right to kill the human foetus and further objects to legalizing and sanctioning homosexuality between consenting adults.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker, this was another telegram from a church which is not a Catholic church.

Now we have here testimonies of protest such as this one from Rideau Garden Drive, in Ottawa.

I have another one from Saskatchewan and one from Edmonton in Alberta which I quote:

Keep on fighting the murderers who believe that God is going to change the law because Ottawa changes it.

Fight against vice. We are praying for you and for your good members.

From a Quebec City priest who dearly loves you.

Here is another testimony.

Mr. Speaker, I have received another one from Saskatchewan which says exactly the same thing, and opposes the adoption of the omnibus bill.

[English]

I would like to congratulate you on your stand against the Criminal Code bill. I support your party stand wholeheartedly on this issue, and I hope that you and party will be successful in blocking passing of this bill—

John F. Peters

[Translation]

—and it is signed John F. Peters. I do not suppose he is a relative of my hon. friend from Timiskaming (Mr. Peters). This is the evidence we are receiving.

I have another testimony from Westport, in Ontario—

[Mr. Caouette.]

[English]

C. J. McEwen,
Westport, Ontario.

Your stand in opposition to the proposed changes in the Criminal Code relative to abortion and homosexuality is most commendable. Sacred and secular history testifies to the rightness of what you are contending for—

I am not of your persuasion, politically, religiously or nationally. However, I would deem it a privilege to support a member of parliament of your principles.

As I say, this is from Westport, Ontario.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker, I am not making up these letters. Here is another one from Haileybury, Ontario, which is located in the riding of my hon. friend for Timiskaming. I quote:

This evening, on the C.B.C. news broadcast, a commentator clearly indicated that the members of the Ralliement créditiste are filibustering in parliament to assert their personal views and partisan ideas. Since when is it moral to practise abortion and homosexuality, even for a non-Creditiste? It is one of two things: people who advocate such practices are either ignorant scoundrels or, which is worse, diabolically mischievous!

I am not a "puritan" but, good grief, do you know of anything more disgusting than a government that wants to pass a law allowing "fairies" to shack up.

(Signed) Lionel Courchesne,
P.O. Box 896, Haileybury, Ont.

Mr. Speaker, here is another letter from a Mr. Dignard, of Ottawa.

I wish to congratulate you and all the Creditiste members for opposing those clauses of the omnibus bill that deal with abortion and homosexuality.

Keep up the good work; fight for the Christian point of view, for the majority (which is still Christian in Canada) have only you to represent them in this debate.

Mr. Speaker, here is another letter from the "Foyers Notre-Dame". You may tell me that this is a Catholic organization. Of course, but it is not afraid of taking a stand.

We congratulate you for standing firm in the face of the bill on abortion, specifically for insisting that human life be respected from the start.

This one comes from Hull, and is signed:

Bernard and Marie-Thérèse Robert, couple-in-charge, Foyers Notre-Dame, Hull Diocese.

Mr. Speaker, this is not evidence of a political nature, but protests against the immorality of abortion. It is also what we are against.

Now, we do not want to thrust our views upon others, but rather to make the Canadian people's views respected, and to be sure that they will have the right to make them known and that they think as we do.