

*Criminal Code*

Therefore I have met several doctors in the district of Lotbinière. Last week, I met specialists of the University of Ottawa, and I even met the archbishop of Ottawa, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Marceau:** That is easy to see.

**Mr. Fortin:** We shall talk about this later.

At any rate, according to my information it is medically proved that a child born prematurely at four or five months could actually be saved.

When my wife presented me with an heir—a Créditiste, if you please—shortly after the election, there was at that time, in the next room, a five-month premature baby. This child is very well today.

I think, Mr. Speaker, that some medical research is being conducted in this field. Biologists recognize that it is actually possible to save human lives while the foetus is in the mother's womb.

A while ago, Mr. Speaker, while I was trying to answer this question the hon. member for Hull had asked me, a Liberal member, who did not identify himself, said it was obvious when I mentioned that I had met the Archbishop of Ottawa last week on this subject.

Mr. Speaker, it is obvious that I am not afraid of expressing my beliefs, but those people are afraid to rise. They do not dare state their principles, if they have any. I wish they showed as much courage as the Créditistes, and expressed their convictions, if they have any.

Then, Mr. Speaker, I would say that members of the New Democratic party attended that meeting with the archbishop of Ottawa, and I congratulate them for that. In fact, one of them had been invited and made it a point of being there, even though the New Democratic party is in favour of the bill.

I also accepted the invitation; however, no Liberal member took the trouble to go. They are afraid to contradict the Prime Minister who muzzles them. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I challenge any Liberal member to rise and tell me whether they have personal convictions or not.

Mr. Speaker, we are not living in a totalitarian country and although we are familiar with helicopters, "trudeaumania" and everything else, I think that hon. members are

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intelligent enough to vote according to their conscience. I have much respect for them, whether they are members of the N.D.P., the Conservative or the Liberal parties. I have very good friends in those groups, Mr. Speaker, and I think it would be possible to have an intelligent and human legislation.

**Mr. Gilles Marceau (Lapointe):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege.

**Mr. Fortin:** Mr. Speaker, before completing—

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Faulkner):** Order!

**Mr. Fortin:** I have not entirely finished, Mr. Speaker—

• (3:30 p.m.)

[English]

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member for Lapointe on a question of privilege.

[Translation]

**Mr. Marceau:** Mr. Speaker, for the information of the hon. member for Témiscamingue (Mr. Caouette), I am not afraid to say that I made that comment earlier. I did, and I am not afraid to say it, because I will speak on the bill. I will try to prove that we were unjustly attacked and that our vote is not guided by the will of the Prime Minister. We have enough freedom to vote according to our conscience.

**Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue):** You are lying, then.

**Mr. Marceau:** You are the one who is lying and we shall prove it to you.

**Mr. Caouette:** Both your hands are tied.

**Mr. Marceau:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to say that we were never invited to the meeting mentioned by the hon. member for Lotbinière and which was held in Ottawa. If we had been invited, we would have gone.

[English]

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Woolliams:** That is the way to flush them out.