

these police forces, which I hold in high regard, to observe the very simple request that they protect our citizens by going to the courts, as the protectors of the public right in this matter, for permission to take that giant step in respect of investigation.

I do not think it is too much for this parliament to suggest to the government that without that kind of protection in the bill we will not support it, but with that protection we will support it. I do not think our efforts to protect society are opposed in any way or involve a lessening of the powers or the rights of the police to investigate. I do not believe that in order to maintain law and order we should consider society to the exclusion of individual rights. I believe these two concepts are intertwined. It is to the credit of this House of Commons that the dean of this House, who served in the courts of this country longer than many of us will live, and in the highest office here, was the one to bring forward this very good amendment which will make this new bill, adopting a new concept of investigation, palatable, reasonable and equitable.

Let me ask my friends, wherever they sit in this House in terms of the centre aisle, to support the principle that has so appropriately been brought forward by the right hon. member for Prince Albert. This principle is in essence the protection of the community from excesses and to ensure that when police forces in this country use the device this parliament is giving for the first time, they produce evidence which is admissible without question and not subject to the usual requirements of proof, and that such evidence will be produced under the sanction and the protection provided by the courts. That is our duty.

**Mr. Cullen:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. I have always found the hon. member to be fair, and I do not object to the way in which he has presented his case, but I do take strong exception to one of his comments. I know that he did not intend offence when he suggested that in talking in favour of this bill I was abrogating my principles in order to support the minister. First of all, it is not appropriate to impute motives to an hon. member. I do not think he meant to do that. In the second place, and I know the right hon. gentleman would support me in this principle, I would not deviate from my principles in the interest of simply supporting a piece of legislation, and if I did so I would resign my seat tomorrow.

**Mrs. Albanie Morin (Louis-Hébert):** Mr. Speaker, of all the 10 provinces, Quebec is the province that has seen a lot of disturbance, violence and unrest in the last 10 years. So, it will not come as a surprise to you when I say that we in the province of Quebec crave law and order. Were I to consult the population today on this government's proposal to permit wiretapping by the police in emergencies for up to 36 hours without a permit I would probably get an 85 per cent affirmative reply. Some of the people I have consulted have suggested that the police should not ask for permission at all.

Of course, there will be some people who are against this bill. Even in my own riding I would probably find some "godfathers", and you know the meaning I give to that phrase, some extremists, some criminals and others who have something to hide who would oppose this measure,

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but the great majority would not be in favour of removing from the police the only tool which enables them to detect and prevent 80 per cent of crime. Why should the police be put in an inferior position to criminals who have no qualms about using bugging devices of any kind? I hope the right hon. member for Prince Albert does not believe that if his amendment were to pass it would prevent any criminal from using wiretapping. Negative laws result in criminals adopting more astute ways of avoiding the law. The hon. member should read about what happened in Montreal two weeks ago to see how criminals react to the law. For instance, the underworld did not hesitate to eliminate three members of the same family and burn to death the one responsible for the three murders. I suggest that voting for the amendment of the right hon. member for Prince Albert would be voting for the removal from the police of a tool criminals would not hesitate to use.

The right hon. member for Prince Albert mentioned that wiretapping by police in emergency cases without a permit was "the essence of tyranny". It is very odd that the right hon. gentleman should react in such a manner, especially since he has as a colleague the hon. member for Saint-Hyacinthe (Mr. Wagner) who, up until very recently, was the symbol of law and order in the province of Quebec. I need not remind the right hon. gentleman that the hon. member for Saint-Hyacinthe once upon a time was a semi-god in our province. The different parties respected him, his colleagues listened to him, labour unions feared him and the general public hailed him as a public leader. That hon. member stood for law and order.

Permit me, Mr. Speaker, to quote some excerpts taken from that hon. member's speeches when he ran in the leadership campaign some years ago.

● (1520)

[*Translation*]

They say that I personify law and order.

[*English*]

I will translate this: "They say that I personify law and order and why not. I declare myself in favour of law and order. Please give us the tools to decide and act." A little later he said:

[*Translation*]

We have to establish a climate of stability by law and order.

[*English*]

Then, he condemned the work of the Quebec government because it prevented the work of the police corps. So, again was he in favour of tying the hands of the police? Not at all. Let me quote what the hon. member for Saint-Hyacinthe had to say before the Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs on June 7:

I believe that it is a good thing to declare openly that revelations which nowadays are made by the Commission of Inquiry into organized crime in Montreal represent but a tiny portion of the whole set-up. What is unknown about the Mafia—

In Montreal.

—is much more considerable and is much more to fear.

This is the hon. member for Saint-Hyacinthe speaking. He continues:

I remember a case which I will give you as an example:—There was rivalry between the two groups in the east end of Montreal