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Mr. Rondeau: Thank you again, Mr. Speaker.

I shall try to collect my thoughts. My thinking is clear but I think the interruptions aim only at causing us to lose the thread of our speech.

I was saying that if abortion is accepted it is only in order to please.

I was talking about the unforeseeing dissipated women who act first and think afterwards, those who are unrepentant lovers and cannot tell right from wrong any more, and about the too obliging married women, still unaware that life is a serious business.

Mr. Speaker, a people always like to find and to recognize itself in its laws. The laws are the image of a nation. But the bill before us, and especially abortion, does not reflect the way of thinking of the Canadian people. And if we fought so fiercely against the bill, in this house, especially against abortion, it is because we know—and we are convinced of that—that such a legislation is not a true image of the Canadian nation.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Rondeau: Our statutes give us an idea of Canadian morals, of Canadian traditions, of the Canadian way of thinking and of Canadian history, but the bill we have been discussing for some weeks is altogether inconsistent with Canadian ways of thinking. When, for instance, we pass in parliament a bill that runs counter to the views of a nation, we sow the seeds of anarchy in the midst of that nation.

Mr. Speaker, I do not want to deal with this amendment too long but it is vitally important for the Canadian people. And that is the reason why we want it to be passed in the house. And we ask all the members, for whom conscience still has a meaning, to kindly vote according to their conscience and to pass this amendment so that we shall not be ashamed before the Canadian people and so that our children also will not be ashamed of the hon. members and heads of family in this house.

If, unfortunately this confounded bill were to be passed by this house, the blood of millions of fetuses which will be assassinated in the future, be upon the Liberal party and upon the Minister of Justice and their issue.

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, the amendment which is now before us requires that the part of Bill C-150 relating

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to abortion, that is to say clause 18 of the bill concerned, be completely repealed, entirely removed.

But we are accused of being demagogues, of wanting to make political capital out of our stand on abortion.

Mr. Speaker, I would say that any member of the house could have shouldered the same responsibilities on clause 18 as the members of the Ralliement créditiste. And we were not motivated by demagoguery. As leader of the Ralliement créditiste, I have observed the conscientious job which has been done by each of the members of the Ralliement in the house. Be it the member for Champlain (Mr. Matte), the member for Lotbinière (Mr. Fortin), or any of their colleagues, they were earnest, well informed, cognizant of authoritative sources, and what they told the house was full of common sense. They certainly did not play politics.

Tonight, Mr. Speaker, I received a letter which cannot be suspected of partisanship, as it could have been sent to the Minister of Justice (Mr. Turner). It comes from the Sanctuary of the Sacred Heart in Pointe-aux-Trembles, Montreal—I am not quite sure of it, but I think it must be in the constituency of Mercier. It reads as follows:

Dear Mr. Caouette,

At our regular meeting—

The letter is dated May 6.

—the Capuchin Fathers of the sanctuary of the Sacred Heart of the Reparation, in Pointe-aux-Trembles, unanimously agreed on a special resolution to send their warmest congratulations for the humanitarian and Christian stand you and your group have taken in fighting the omnibus bill on matters dealing with abortion and homosexuality.

Together with all those who believe in the dignity of man and the greatness involved in being a Christian, we wish to pay a tribute to you and encourage you in—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Order. I wish to kindly remind the hon. member for Témiscamingue that all he has said up to this point has nothing to do with the amendment before us and moved by his colleague from Shefford.

Mr. Caouette: Mr. Speaker, this is a letter regarding abortion.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Order. I remind the hon. member that the house is not the right place to read all the congratulations that the Ralliement créditiste or any other party has received from all over the province.