

*Criminal Code*

By packing Bill No. C-150 like an overcrowded bus, the government gave the Canadian public the impression of having something to hide and it tried to take the opposition members by surprise, or at least those who object to some of the reforms proposed in the bill.

There are, in this bill, some amendments which seem excellent to me and which could have been approved very quickly, had they been introduced separately. Those amendments will suffer from the delay due to the stubborn refusal of the government to give parliament a square deal.

Since the time allotted to me is running short, I shall not waste it on measures which appear acceptable to me such as the use of the breathalyzer which has become a necessary method of stopping the slaughter on our highways. The results obtained in countries where this measure is applied, especially in England, lead me to approve this drastic measure designed to protect our drivers. A few months ago, a Conservative member of Great Britain was telling me that even if he had objected to that legislation when it was passed in England, he had to admit now that it was a good one since it had reduced by 33 per cent the number of fatal accidents.

There is also a clause legalizing lotteries, naturally, under certain conditions; while I agree with that amendment, I do not feel that it will be the key or the solution that will save the provinces or the large municipalities from the stagnation in which they find themselves; at best, they will be a voluntary tax, where the tickets may be sold under pressure and of which the individual will pay the cost.

Other amendments are proposed in the bill which are of great importance; they deserve that we reflect upon them at length because of the results which can be foreseen if they are adopted and implemented. I am thinking of the amendment legalizing homosexuality and abortion.

I tried to understand why the government should want to legalize homosexuality. The Prime Minister himself has told us that the government has no business in bedrooms, and I agree with him.

At the present time, the government or the police cannot see what goes on between two people behind closed doors; but it is the responsibility of the police to see that certain things do not go on in public, are not seen

[Mr. Laprise.]

in theaters, on street corners or in public places. Fortunately, the proposed amendment will not allow more freedom in public than before.

The only effect the proposed amendment on homosexuality will have, if it is passed, will be to indicate that the government approves what God himself condemned so emphatically.

At this point, Mr. Speaker, to support my allegations, I would like to quote a few paragraphs from an article recently published in "L'Equipe":

For Christians, Saint Paul's warning in his Epistle to the Romans is cause for reflection; speaking of the moral concept of pagans towards creation, Saint Paul wrote:

"For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet."

And the article adds this

It is about time that one seeks to revalorize the roles of man and woman rather than enacting "legal" measures which degrade them.

● (9:50 p.m.)

It would be much more profitable to teach men how to become more masculine and women how to become more feminine; all would benefit and the society would be better off. Otherwise, we are heading directly towards revolution, if not decline.

Mr. Speaker, since the beginning of this debate, we heard hon. members speak in favour of legalized abortion, others against it. For personal reasons and also because of representations received from my constituents, I am opposed to the legalization of abortion.

I read with deep interest the proceedings of the committee on health, welfare and social affairs which received briefs and heard eloquent and well-prepared evidence on abortion and all its implications.

The hon. members are not the only ones who have considered and weighed this amendment to the Criminal Code. Other highly qualified people and organizations, after serious consideration, have declared themselves against making abortion legal as it is proposed to do.

I have here a petition signed by 100 citizens from my constituency. These people are opposed to the legalization of abortion for reasons which I would like to enumerate:

In regard to the amendments presented to the House of Commons by the Minister of Justice—