

Criminal Code

and that to check this outflow of money we should set up a lottery system.

When you want to control a flooding, you build a dam. You do not bring in more water, because it would not make sense.

Because of the outflow of capital, we should have our own lottery system. It would only be one more lottery. Indeed, if a state lottery were set up in Canada, under this omnibus bill introduced by the Minister of Justice and if the provinces and municipalities were to do likewise, would it be illegal for Canadians to participate in foreign lotteries?

If we do not make it illegal for Canadians to take part in foreign lotteries such as the Irish sweepstake for instance, Canadian capital will not only go abroad, but it will also go to the various provinces and the problem of the outflow of Canadian capital will not be solved.

To prevent such an outflow, we should raise barriers, instead of legalizing lotteries,—as we did for instance during the Kennedy round negotiations.

It would be one way, though possibly not the best, of solving the problem. So this is my suggestion: let us be consistent, Mr. Speaker and stop saying we need a state lottery system under the pretence that Canadian capital is going abroad. Such a suggestion does not make sense, it does not hold water.

That is why, Mr. Speaker, I am glad the hon. member for Abitibi (Mr. Laprise) has moved this motion tending to delete from the omnibus bill the clauses pertaining to lotteries, because, as any Canadian, I realize there is a flow of Canadian capital going abroad and also that this solution which is considered as sound, is not really effective and is unlikely to settle the problems of the municipalities, of the provinces and of federal government.

It matters little whether we shall set up 10 lotteries or just one, or whether we shall need 25 lotteries to meet our financial requirements. The basic problem goes deeper than that. We have ignored it for too long and, unfortunately, it is overlooked by too many people.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to tell the house that there is nothing wrong with a lottery system. I believe everybody likes an occasional bet. In my opinion there is nothing wrong with that, provided it is done honestly.

However, they should not try to convince us that without a lottery system there can be no public financing or that such a system stops the outflow of Canadian capital. In my

opinion, those arguments do not wash from the economic point of view and we are just running around in circles.

Therefore, I deem it my duty—and I hope many members will do the same—to support the amendment moved by the hon. member for Abitibi.

I suggest that in the interest of Canada's economic growth we give it some serious thought.

[*English*]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Order. It being six o'clock, I do now leave the chair to resume the same at eight o'clock.

At six o'clock the house took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The house resumed at 8 p.m.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Is the house ready for the question?

[*Translation*]

The motion is on amendment No. 11 by Mr. Laprise amending section 13 of Bill C-150.

All those in favour will please say yea.

[*English*]

Some hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Pursuant to Standing Order 75(11) the vote on this amendment stands deferred.

[*Translation*]

We will now proceed with consideration of amendment No. 9 by Mr. Laprise.

Mr. Laprise moved:

That Bill C-150, an act to amend the Criminal Code, the Parole Act, the Penitentiary Act, the Prisons and Reformatories Act and to make certain consequential amendments to the Combines Investigation Act, the Customs Tariff and the National Defence Act, be amended by deleting therefrom clauses 12 and 13.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to deal now with amendment No. 9.