

*Oral Questions***YOUNG OFFENDERS ACT**

## REQUEST FOR AMENDMENTS TO DEAL WITH SENTENCING

**Mr. Alan Redway (York East):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Solicitor General. The Solicitor General is aware that because of the Young Offenders Act, a 14 year old, who was convicted in Toronto yesterday of the first degree murder of three people, faces a maximum sentence of only three years imprisonment, one year for each of the murders. Will the Solicitor General assure the people of Canada that the changes he is contemplating in the Young Offenders Act will deal to their satisfaction with this problem? And can he tell us when those changes will be placed before Parliament?

**Hon. Perrin Beatty (Solicitor General of Canada):** Mr. Speaker, I can indicate to the Hon. Member that I hope to place before Parliament legislation to amend the Young Offenders Act in the new year. I would like to have it passed prior to the summer recess, if at all possible. The next stage will be to meet with the provincial Attorneys General and Solicitors General in February to discuss this issue.

I might indicate that there is a provision in the Young Offenders Act for transfer to adult court with the consent of the court in cases where it is deemed to be appropriate. My understanding is that, in this particular case, leave to transfer was not sought.

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**TRADE**

## CANADA-UNITED STATES NEGOTIATIONS—STATEMENT MADE BY U.S. NEGOTIATOR

**Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Winnipeg-Fort Garry):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister for International Trade. Yesterday, in a meeting with the U.S. trade representative, it was stated that we would be shooting ourselves in the foot unless we agreed to put all matters of economic consequence between the two countries on the bargaining table. It really appears that the U.S. is aiming a gun at another part of the Canadian anatomy, not at our feet. Has the Minister agreed to those conditions which were put forward by the U.S. trade representative? Are we now agreeing that matters such as the cultural industry, the auto pact, financial services, and agriculture will now be on the negotiating table contrary to all of the assurances given in the past to the provinces, to private industry groups, and to this Parliament?

**Hon. James Kelleher (Minister for International Trade):** I am pleased to be able to advise the Hon. Member that I have not agreed in any way whatsoever to any conditions, as he put them, which were set forth by Mr. Yeutter yesterday. Let me say that it is quite normal, prior to the commencement of any negotiations, for parties to put their positions forward. That is their privilege. Mr. Yeutter did that yesterday. I would like to remind the Hon. Member, and all Hon. Members of this House, that our Prime Minister did so in Chicago and I did so

in New York, and our position quite emphatically is that our cultural sovereignty and identity—

**Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra):** Tell us right here.

**Mr. Kelleher:**—are not on the table in these discussions.

**Mr. Axworthy:** Mr. Speaker, in the spirit of the new willingness to be forthcoming established by the Minister responsible for DRIE today, perhaps the Minister for International Trade might be prepared to make the statement in the House of Commons, not in New York or Chicago, on what the position of the Government might be.

## AUTO PACT—GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Winnipeg-Fort Garry):** I would like to ask the Minister for International Trade specifically about the statement made by the Secretary of State in a letter written to the Automotive Parts Manufacturers that he sees no reason why the auto pact should be subject to negotiation. Specifically, did the Government now agree that the auto pact will be on the negotiating table as demanded by the U.S. trade representative?

**Hon. James Kelleher (Minister for International Trade):** Mr. Speaker, I would again, if I may, remind the Hon. Member that not only have I made my statement in New York but I made the same statement here in the House on many occasions.

**Mr. de Corneille:** Answer the question.

**An Hon. Member:** Lloyd either doesn't listen or doesn't understand.

**An Hon. Member:** Lloyd was never there.

**Mr. Kelleher:** Perhaps the hon. gentleman was not here on that particular occasion. I can state that we have no intention at this time of putting the auto pact on the table, nor have we been asked to do so. But if the Americans wish to put it on the table, as the Secretary of State has set out in the past, there are two sides to a table and they are entitled to discuss it if they so desire.

## UNITED STATES' POSITION ON AUTO PACT

**Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex-Windsor):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister for International Trade. The reason we are so concerned about this set of demands is that the auto industry, with its safeguards for Canadians, gives us 130,000 jobs. When the question was raised by Mr. Yeutter yesterday, did the Minister turn to him and put it quite bluntly that in this case the U.S. was out of luck and the auto pact is not up for grabs in these trade negotiations?

**Hon. James Kelleher (Minister for International Trade):** Mr. Speaker, perhaps I can reply by reading to the Hon.