

Criminal Code

relevant and appropriate in light of the findings of the LaMarsh commission on violence on television, would the parliamentary secretary undertake to take this matter up with the Minister of Communications (Mrs. Sauvé), with whom I have also had consultations?

Mr. Goodale: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I will.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[*English*]

CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT ACT, 1977

AMENDMENTS TO CRIMINAL CODE

The House proceeded to the consideration of Bill C-51, to amend the Criminal Code, the Customs Tariff, The Parole Act, the Penitentiary Act and the Prisons and Reformatories Act, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The Chair has had an opportunity to examine in a cursory way all 39 motions standing on the order paper, and at this time is prepared to indicate that I do not see procedural difficulty in respect at least to the first 16 motions. In order to be sure that the House has ample business to occupy it for today, I would propose, as an initial recommendation, to group those first 16 motions for discussion, during which time I will have an opportunity to examine the remaining motions.

Motion No. 1, standing in the name of the hon. member for Moose Jaw (Mr. Neil), is acceptable for debate and, if required, will be voted on separately. Motion No. 2, standing in the name of the hon. member for Palliser (Mr. Schumacher), will be debated and voted on separately. Motions Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 6 could be grouped for debate and, if required, a vote on motion No. 3 would also dispose of motions No. 4, 5 and 6. Motions Nos. 7 and 10 can be grouped for debate, with a vote on motion No. 7 disposing of motion No. 10. Motions Nos. 8 and 9 should be grouped for debate, with a vote on motion No. 8 disposing of motion No. 9. Motion No. 11 would be debated and voted on separately. Motions Nos. 12, 13 and 14 could be grouped for debate, with a vote taken on motion No. 12 disposing of motions Nos. 13 and 14. Motions Nos. 15 and 16 would be grouped for debate, but voted on separately if required.

If there is any comment, I would be glad to hear it now.

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker, I find nothing wrong with the grouping, but I should like to make one suggestion respecting my own amendments. I have four amendments relating to that part of the bill dealing with guns. Motions Nos. 6, 11 and 13 deal with onus and put the onus on the accused rather than on the Crown. If they were grouped, I would say it would be a

[Mr. McGrath.]

proper package. I have discussed the matter with the hon. member for New Westminster (Mr. Leggatt) and he has agreed with it. So dealing with my own amendments, Nos. 6, 11 and 13 can be grouped; and my motion No. 25, which deals with orders in council, can be debated separate and apart from the others.

May I also make this suggestion. The hon. member for Palliser (Mr. Schumacher) is not here. I tried to contact him in his constituency this morning but was unable to reach him. Most of the amendments were moved at committee stage, and some were lost by eight to nine. I believe one may have been accepted by the minister if it had been phrased a little differently. Therefore, I ask that all the motions moved by the hon. member for Palliser stand for today. My motions and those of the hon. member for New Westminster are ready to proceed, as is that moved by the hon. member for Moose Jaw (Mr. Neil). They would pretty well take most of the day. It may be that after some discussion the hon. member for Palliser may feel he extended himself a little in the number of amendments he is moving, and perhaps some will be withdrawn. I see the hon. member for Dauphin (Mr. Ritchie) is here. If we run out of work, we could debate his amendments. But I ask that motions Nos. 6, 11 and 13 be called together.

In light of the fact that these are being grouped together, I would ask the House to give me a little longer than the usual 20 minutes, if necessary. I shall be making only one speech, but I will, of course, be dealing with three different parts of the bill. So far as the gun control provisions are concerned, I have really only two amendments; I am grouping three, and the other stands alone. I can deal with the wiretapping part of the bill later.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I think we know what the hon. member wants, but he has been looking at Monday's order paper, and today is Thursday, so he has the wrong numbers. Instead of motion No. 6, I think the hon. member means motion No. 7. I believe his three motions are Nos. 7, 11 and 13.

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker, I was reading Monday's order paper, which is when I did my homework, and I see the numbers are different on today's order paper. I believe the hon. member is right in that regard.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): What are the numbers the hon. member wants?

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Mr. Speaker: Order, please. In any case, if I understood the hon. member for Calgary North (Mr. Woolliams), he included in his grouping motion No. 1 in the name of the hon. member for Moose Jaw (Mr. Neil). If my understanding is not correct, would that be dealt with separately?

Mr. Woolliams: Yes, separately, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Therefore, the proposal is that motion No. 1 in the name of the hon. member for Moose Jaw would be dealt