

Oral Questions

second largest ship registry in Canada, will the minister immediately re-examine his department's plan to close down this customs office today since this will require the 605 lobster boats and 1,587 motor vessels registered in this port to travel to some other port at great expense and increased fuel consumption?

Hon. Jack Cullen (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, Barrington Passage is not being closed down, it is simply being redesignated as a vessel clearing station. Vessels will continue to use that port. There has been a transfer of one employee, however; it is not a lay-off but simply a transfer to another port in the area.

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN VIOLENT CRIMES AND PORTRAYAL OF VIOLENCE ON TELEVISION—GOVERNMENT ACTION**

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Solicitor General who is reported to have said in a speech last week that he is now satisfied, after a two year study, that there is a direct relationship between violence on television and crimes of violence and that he has had discussions with his colleagues in the government. In light of these findings, what steps does the government propose to take within its jurisdiction over the CRTC and the CTC to change the present requirement and prohibit these kinds of programs or to arrange to have these programs shown at a late evening hour?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, we have had consultations with the CRTC and the Department of the Secretary of State on this matter and it is still under study. We may have more to say when the Minister of Justice and myself announce our package on violent crime before the end of the year.

● (1500)

Mr. Reynolds: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order concerning the minister's allegation that I heard him wrongly in the House. I point out that *Hansard* reports him as speaking of "dangerous criminals." After I heard his answer last week, I went to the *Hansard* office, saw the blues and noted that on them he was reported to have talked of "habitual criminals." I still think that what I say is correct. The *Hansard* reporter heard the minister say what I allege he said, and the minister or someone on his staff went to *Hansard* and changed that word on the blues.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Allmand: Mr. Speaker, I rise on the same point of order. It is true that the blues said what the hon. member suggested. When I saw those words in the blues, I immediately sent a message to *Hansard* telling them that I had not said "habitual offenders." I am familiar with the law; a habitual offender can get a temporary absence after three years, but a dangerous sexual offender cannot. I would not say that habitual offenders cannot, when they can. I do not know how those words were reported by *Hansard*, but my people made the correction when they saw it, because it was wrong.

[Mr. Crouse.]

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

ESSENTIAL SERVICE STRIKE SUSPENSION ACT**MEASURE TO PROVIDE FOR SUSPENSION OF STRIKES IN ESSENTIAL SERVICES**

Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-416, to amend the Public Service Staff Relations Act and the Canada Labour Code and to provide for the suspension of strikes in essential services.

An hon. Member: Explain.

Mr. Jelinek: Mr. Speaker, this bill, which is to amend the Public Service Staff Relations Act and the Canada Labour Code, would provide for the suspension of strikes in essential services while the government's anti-inflation legislation is in force. It is a fact that Canadians are fed up with constant work stoppages.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 26

[English]

POST OFFICE**STRIKE OF POSTAL WORKERS**

Mr. Bill Clarke (Vancouver Quadra): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 26, I ask leave to make a motion for the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter requiring urgent consideration. This specific and important matter is the continuing absence of postal service which began four weeks ago and which shows no sign of ending in the near future.

The absence of this essential service is creating accumulating hardship for all Canadians, but particularly for those who receive their incomes and revenues by mail and those whose jobs have been terminated because of disruptions in trade and commerce. It has also ended the exchange of mail with other countries, a serious consequence of which is the present and potentially permanent loss of foreign trade. If acceptable, Mr. Speaker, I will move, seconded by the hon. member for Grenville-Carleton (Mr. Baker):

That this House do now adjourn.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Hon. members no doubt are aware that the application pursuant to Standing Order 26 virtually repeats the application made by the same hon. member on Wednesday last when the Chair took some time explaining the difficult considerations which confront the Chair in situations of this sort. I indicated that, as activities within the ranks of the union involved might lead to a resolution of the conflict, it would be premature to grant the application made pursuant to Standing Order 26, but