

Hon. Mr. GRIESBACH: We now burn millions upon millions of feet of gas from our oil wells in Alberta. Nothing else can be done with it. That is pure waste. A project is under discussion to develop power plants at the wells and turn that gas into electric fluid, which would be exported.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN: I thought it was hydraulic power.

The motion of Hon. Mr. Beique was agreed to: contents, 37; non-contents, 11.

The Committee rose.

CRIMINAL CODE (FINES AND FORFEITURES) AMENDMENT BILL

FURTHER CONSIDERATION POSTPONED

On the Order:

The House again in Committee of the Whole on Bill P7, an Act to amend the Criminal Code (Fines and Forfeitures).—Hon. Mr. Beaubien.

Hon. Mr. McMEANS: I am informed that the honourable gentleman who moved this Bill has gone to Europe and will not be here again this session, and I would suggest that the Order be allowed to stand. I understood that the honourable leader of the Government was to bring down to this House certain information from the Department of Justice. I do not know whether the right honourable gentleman who now takes the place of the leader of the Government, and is leading the House, has that information. Perhaps he would inform the House.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: Honourable gentlemen, I have no information on that point. I would suggest that the Order be discharged and placed on the Order Paper for a day or two hence. I will try to get whatever information has been asked for.

The Order stands.

JUVENILE DELINQUENTS BILL

CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE

On motion of Right Hon. Mr. Graham, the Senate went into Committee on Bill 170, an Act respecting Juvenile Delinquents.

Hon. Mr. McLennan in the Chair.

Sections 1 to 6 were agreed to.

On section 7—Appointment of deputy judge:

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE: I may say that the Bill, which is quite voluminous, is a consolidation of the law. The new part of the Bill,

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which is only a very small portion, is underlined. I took a special interest in this law when it was passed in the first instance, and I think it is along good lines.

Section 7 was agreed to.

Sections 8 to 16, inclusive, were agreed to.

On section 17—Proceedings may be informal:

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: I would move that section 17, subsection 3, be amended by inserting at the commencement thereof the words:

Save as provided in subsection 5 of this section—

Hon. Mr. GORDON: There is no subsection 5.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: There will be in a minute.

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: I want to say a word on subsection 2 of this section. It provides that:

No adjudication or other action of a juvenile court with respect to a child shall be quashed or set aside because of any informality or irregularity where it appears that the disposition of the case was in the best interests of the child.

That provision is most embarrassing to anybody practising law, and it is hardly fair. An irregularity appears in the proceedings in the juvenile court, and action is taken to quash the court proceedings. After this has been apparently successful there arises the interest of the child, which is always a controversial question, and a matter of opinion. I think that at least there should be some provision that a person who, in the interest of the child, properly takes proceedings for the purpose of quashing the action of the juvenile court, even if unsuccessful, should be indemnified as to costs. If you bring irregular proceedings in any other court you are punished by having to pay the costs; but in this case you may be successful and yet have to pay your own costs.

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE: This provision has been in the Act for many years.

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: I know it has.

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE: The honourable gentleman surely is not losing sight of the fact that the interested party would be the one moving to quash, and that the Government or the officials of the Government would be the other party, and that the indemnity would have to be paid by the Government. I doubt whether that is in line with the usual practice. I think in the Criminal Code there are some