

Criminal Code

Mr. Smith: Designation of Opposition days is not the subject of agreement, but they are advised in advance and depend upon the outcome of the House order which was just agreed to. This was one possibility of which they were advised yesterday and it was confirmed earlier this afternoon.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): I want only to be certain. It may be my memory, but I thought the President of the Privy Council referred to other matters for tomorrow. For the sake of the record, the Parliamentary Secretary has indicated that tomorrow is an Opposition day.

Mr. Smith: I am sorry, Mr. Speaker. I am referring to Friday.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): The Parliamentary Secretary is fortunate that both my ears are working at the moment. In any event, the matter is settled. The Opposition day to which the Parliamentary Secretary referred is Friday, not tomorrow.

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. My friend cleared up the confusion and then added to it. We now understand that Friday is an allotted day. Certain announcements have been made; we have been informed of the business for tomorrow, Thursday. Have there been any changes in the Government's mind with respect to the business for tomorrow?

Mr. Smith: No, other than the fact that the House order which was approved a few moments ago calls for a vote at three o'clock. Apart from the vote, the business will be as stated earlier by the Government House Leader.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Shall all items listed under Private Members' Public Bills preceding No. 424 be allowed to stand by unanimous consent?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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[Translation]

CRIMINAL CODE

AMENDMENT RESPECTING GREYHOUND RACES

Mr. Raymond Dupont (Chambly) moved that Bill C-624, an Act to amend the Criminal Code (Greyhound Races) be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

[English]

Mr. Sargeant: Mr. Speaker, I did not quite understand the procedure which you were carrying on. I assumed that the mover of the Bill would be getting up to speak. I would welcome an opportunity to speak on this piece of legislation.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): That unfortunately I am not able to do. I realize what has happened and that it has come as a surprise to some Hon. Members—and I might add to the Chair—that the motion put forward by the Hon. Member for Chambly (Mr. Dupont) has now been referred to committee. That is what the House has decided. I suppose it was with and by unanimous consent. If the House wants to undo what it has done, it may be able to do that. Otherwise, unanimous consent was granted to refer the Bill to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

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Shall I hear further points of order on this matter? The House has already declared itself. That matter is decided.

Shall all orders listed under Private Members' Public Bills preceding Order No. 442 be allowed to stand by unanimous consent?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): You really have Parliament working well. It is an absolute disgrace.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): At this point I am obviously in the hands of the House. Short of that I will either look to any further item on the Order Paper or we will have an early Wednesday. I think I should first recognize the Hon. Member for Bow River (Mr. Taylor)

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I wonder if you should put the question that we do agree to undo what we did by unanimous consent and go back to discussing Bill C-624. It was done very rapidly. Everybody was expecting the mover of the Bill to get up and speak. I would suggest that you put the motion and see if there is unanimous consent to go back. Surely the Bill is worth discussing.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Speaker, I rise on the same point of order. I notice the Hon. Member for Esquimalt-Saanich (Mr. Munro) left the Chamber in righteous wrath, suspecting some conspiracy or plot.

Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Of course there was.

Mr. Smith: That is absolute rubbish.

Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): You have done it once before.

Mr. Smith: That is absolute rubbish. What in fact happened was that Members were caught off guard. I was not aware of discussions that may or may not have been held between these two Hon. Members.