

There were 60,101 youth cases heard in Canada, 9,013 for violent offences, an increase of 14.7 per cent. This is why we have to bring in amendments to all of these bills.

I just want to go through what some people say about this bill. Gary Rosenfeld, executive director of Victims of Violence International, said in an interview from Ottawa that the proposal is a helluva step forward. He is confident that most government and opposition MPs will support it.

In *The Times Colonist* on Saturday, October 12, 1991 it is described as sensible and overdue.

The bill which Mr. Lewis said could be law by next spring is being described as the first comprehensive review of the Penitentiary Act since 1868. It also proposes the greatest changes in the parole system since the Parole Act was passed in 1958.

We heard this morning that the hon. member had a chance to read *The Toronto Star*. I wonder what other papers he does read. But *The Toronto Star* cannot find anything wrong with the bill. It did not say anything bad about it. Even the *The Toronto Star* cannot say a bad thing about it. "Tougher parole planned". Not a bad thing about it.

**Mr. Milliken:** Is this a speech or an apology?

**Mr. Horner:** It is certainly not an apology. It is no apology at all. It is an apology for what your government has done to take away victims' rights. I want to tell you that the only way to wipe the smirk off the criminal face of this nation is to come down hard and long.

What we were pleased to see in Lewis' bill, however, is the recognition of victims' rights finally. Their voice should be the loudest voice heard.

I could go on and on with these reports from what various people say about this bill. As legislation goes, this is not a highly partisan issue, at least it should not be, and the Lord knows there are enough lawyers in Parliament to offer ideas. The ideas will come when this bill goes to committee.

I would recommend that without further speakers we refer this to the Standing Committee on Justice and Solicitor General. Let us make the few small amendments we have to make. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recommend that this bill be referred to—

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois):** Is there unanimous consent to refer Bill C-36, an act respecting corrections and the conditional release and detention of offenders

and to establish the office of Correctional Investigator, to the Standing Committee on Justice and Solicitor General?

**Some hon. members:** No, no.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois):** There is not unanimous consent.

**Mr. Dennis Mills (Broadview—Greenwood):** The member seemed to suggest that we on this side of the House were not supporting the general thrust of this legislation. I would like to clarify that. For our side of the House, we are supporting reform here. However, we also believe there are areas in this package that can be improved.

I have a specific question for the member. Do you not find it a little bit contradictory that during this week of safety in the streets, crime prevention, we come before the House with all kinds of legislation, yet at the same time you cut the budget by \$2 million in terms of a National Crime Prevention Week? Is there not a little bit of a contradictory action there?

**Mr. Horner:** Mr. Speaker, we do not like to see any reduction in the moneys that will be spent for National Crime Prevention Week. We certainly abhor having to make these deductions, but we were left with an horrendous debt which must be reduced. I am convinced that these bills which are before Parliament now will do an awful lot more towards reducing crime than the \$2 million given to interest groups would have ever done.

**Mr. Speaker:** It being two o'clock p.m., the House will now proceed to Statements by Members pursuant to Standing Order 31.

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## STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 31

[English]

### CRASH OF HERCULES AIRCRAFT

**Mr. Jack Iyerak Anawak (Nunatsiaq):**

[Editor's Note: Member spoke in Inuktitut.]

Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honour the victims of last week's Hercules air crash on Ellesmere Island.

I also want to pay tribute to the rescue team. This tragic event of life and death and survival is filled with