

Parole Act

The hon. member stressed surveillance. When it comes to parole, it is not only a question of surveillance, but reformation and rehabilitation of a parolee re-integrating himself into the community. He must be helped to adjust with regard to living conditions, employment and his attitude toward himself and other members of society. We have had many reports on the question of parole. We had a chapter of the Ouimet report. As has been pointed out, we have had the Hugessen report with regard to parole. We have also had the official statement of the Canadian Criminology and Corrections Association.

I hope that today we will deal with this bill in committee of the whole and pass it, so that the additional ad hoc members can be appointed to the parole board in order that it can be a more effective instrument in parole. Having said that, I hope the minister will refer to the committee the Hugessen report, the Senate report and also the position of the Canadian Criminology and Corrections Association in order that the committee can study these reports. The minister could then be in a position to come forth with legislation which would deal more effectively with the problem of parole.

It is not only a question of surveillance. It is a question of rehabilitation and reformation. The Canadian Criminology and Corrections Association made 27 recommendations setting forth the meaning and purpose of parole. They recommended that in the revisions that are introduced, every effort should be made to construct the system of parole in Canada so that it will be readily understandable by prison inmates, parolees, the police, members of the bench, prison and parole staffs and the public. When you have the divisions of full parole, day parole and temporary absence parole, confusion is created in the minds of the people. It brings about a criticism that at times is unnecessary and unjust.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I wonder whether this is a convenient point for the hon. member to interrupt his contribution.

It being five o'clock, the House will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business. I gather there has been consultation among the parties as to the item of business with which we will proceed. Perhaps this could be put on the record.

Mr. Reid: Mr. Speaker, there have been discussions, but there is absolutely no fixed position on this. There might be agreement not to proceed with private members' hour, but to proceed with the bill we are now discussing. If that is completed before six o'clock, we could reconsider our position and perhaps, rise or have the CNR financing bill. I recognize there has been no agreement. I am simply putting forward this suggestion as one which hon. members may wish to consider.

● (1700)

Mr. Bell: We agree.

Mr. Howard: As the parliamentary secretary has said, no fixed position has been taken. We shall not, in fact, be dealing with private members' bills this afternoon and the next item listed on the order paper is notices of motions for the production of papers. The government has sought for a long time to sweep all these motions under the rug and to withhold the disclosure of documents. Perhaps we should see whether we can persuade members opposite to change this attitude.

An hon. Member: Say yes, or no!

Mr. Deputy Speaker: There is no agreement.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[English]

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Champlain (Mr. Matte)—Royal Canadian Mounted Police—Inquiries on information given to provincial governments about ministers; the hon. member for Vancouver South (Mr. Fraser)—Energy—Representations to United States respecting proposed movement of oil by supertanker to Cherry Point and alternative Canadian supply; the hon. member for Nickel Belt (Mr. Rodriguez)—External Affairs—Government position on recognition of new government of Chile.

[Mr. Gilbert.]

PRIVATE BILLS

[English]

NATIONAL DENTAL EXAMINING BOARD OF CANADA

On the order:

June 13, 1973—second reading and reference to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills and Standing Orders of Bill S-7 an act respecting the National Dental Examining Board of Canada—Mr. Railton

Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to the President of Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for Welland (Mr. Railton) has asked me to explain to you, and to the House, that he does not intend to proceed with this bill at the present time.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Stand.