

*Nuclear Weapons Free Zone Act*

Patients pressured me and all physicians across this country to be admitted to hospital when they did not have to be admitted so they could have it done for nothing.

**Mr. Blaikie:** Before medicare.

**Mr. Halliday:** That was the beginning of medicare, Mr. Speaker. Yes, it is true there are some physicians, like any other group in society such as teachers or politicians, who will abuse any system, but it is a very small number, and by and large, they are disciplined very adequately by the profession. I can assure the Hon. Member that the pressure for hospitalization does not come from the doctors. Even the hospitals prefer to keep people in over the weekend so they can get their full per diem rate with no lab tests, x-rays or other costs, just meals. They refuse to send people out for this reason. I have a lot of evidence for that. It is amazing, Mr. Speaker, to see the costs in the system which do not relate at all to what doctors do.

[Translation]

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** It being five o'clock, the House will now proceed to the consideration of Private Members' Business as listed on today's Order Paper.

● (1700)

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—PUBLIC BILLS**

[English]

**NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREE ZONE ACT**

MEASURE TO ESTABLISH

**Mr. Doug Anguish (The Battlefords-Meadow Lake)** moved that Bill C-203, An Act to declare Canada a Nuclear Weapons Free Zone, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence.

He said: Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to introduce Bill C-203, an Act to declare Canada a nuclear weapons free zone. I introduced this Bill in the House in the first session of this Parliament. Subsequent to the start of the second session I re-introduced the Bill. It is now called C-203. The term "nuclear weapons" usually means nuclear bombs and warheads according to the established definition of a nuclear weapons free zone. The prohibition applies to nuclear explosives only. It is in return for this prohibition that the nuclear weapons states are supposed to extend non-use assurances. However, there are arguments for broadening the scope of zone arrangements so as to prohibit other components of nuclear weapons systems as well. The latter is what I am proposing here, Mr. Speaker. In Bill C-203 I am not only asking that we ban nuclear warheads and nuclear explosives from our territory, but also that we ban the testing of nuclear

weapons or weaponry and the manufacturing and deployment on or over Canadian territory.

It is very timely for Bill C-203 to come up in Parliament today. The Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) has just completed a successful meeting with United Nations Secretary General at which the Secretary General said that he would welcome the Prime Minister of Canada as an effective globe-trotting mediator for world disarmament talks for world peace. Also, the Chinese Premier was in Ottawa today and addressed the House of Commons. China is one of the five countries, along with United States, the Soviet Union, Great Britain and France, that we are attempting to get to the bargaining table. We realize that eventually more countries than this will have to become involved because we are not talking about unilateral disarmament when we talk about a nuclear weapons free zone for Canada. We are really talking about bilateral disarmament at least, and hopefully some kind of multilateral disarmament in the future. We are working toward the freeze and eventual elimination of nuclear weapons and weapons of mass destruction from the face of the globe.

Tomorrow, January 18, a meeting will take place in Stockholm, Sweden, where there will be discussions on two items; confidence building and security measures, and disarmament. It is hoped that the meeting will address itself to the concept of nuclear weapons free zones just as many parliaments, legislatures and municipal governments have addressed themselves to this concept.

In terms of the timeliness of this private Members' Bill, last week the press reported that the United States was preparing for World War IV by planning to hide nuclear weapons in some secret location so that they have some defence once World War III is over with. We have to do something to dissuade this mentality of planning for another world war after the nuclear war that is anticipated. We have to establish very soon nuclear weapons free zones in many places throughout the world. Otherwise we will face the inevitable from the nuclear arms build-up and the weapons of mass destruction that we have right now which could wipe out the human race many times over.

I have a concern that motivated me to bring this Bill in. My concern first came about when the Canadian Government approved the testing of the Cruise missile over Canadian territory by the United States Government. The reason it caused me concern is that the Primrose nuclear weapons range which lies within the constituency which I represent is the target site on which they wish to test the Cruise missile. They wish to test it in March of this year, a date which is coming up very soon. The second reason I proposed this Bill, Mr. Speaker, is that I think that many countries throughout the world have to become nuclear weapons free zones so that they can join together and pressure countries that have a nuclear weapons capability to freeze their arms and sit down at meaningful negotiations where trust can be developed by mediating countries such as Canada and others. Such trust is not prevalent at the present time and has not been ever since the first nuclear weapon was dropped on Hiroshima in 1945 and another