Introduction of Bills

NUCLEAR LIABILITY ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-268 an Act to amend the Nuclear Liability Act (limitation period).

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Fulton: Mr. Speaker, the title of the Bill is again somewhat self-explanatory. It is very important that the present limitations with regard to nuclear liability be dramatically changed. As we are observing in both Canada and the United States, the nuclear industry is slipping downhill pretty quickly. The entire issue of liability and the long-term storage of nuclear waste and how it is transported to the repositories should be dealt with by Parliament in the very near future.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

CRIMINAL CODE

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-269 an Act to amend the Criminal Code (gun control).

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that the Hon. Member shall have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Fulton: Mr. Speaker, I am quite confident that most Members of the House will soon be supporting this very wise piece of legislation which was overlooked by both the Liberals and the Conservatives, and perhaps even by a few New Democrats. There are some very serious problems with regard to search and seizure without warrant and also the accessibility of fire arm acquisition certificates in rural Canada. These are major oversights of which I am sure you are well aware, Mr. Speaker, which need to be remedied very soon for safe, honest gun handlers in Canada.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

INTERNATIONAL LAND BOUNDARY ACT (CANADA-ALASKA)

MEASURE TO ENACT

Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-270 an Act respecting the International Land Boundary between Canada and the State of Alaska.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that the Hon. Member shall have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Fulton: Mr. Speaker, I will try to keep my remarks very brief on this very important issue. I am sure you are aware that President Reagan and George Shultz have appointed Edward Derwinski as the chief negotiator on the Alaska-B.C. boundary. This goes back to 1903. I will not bore you with all of the details, other than to say that we lost an enormous chunk of our country in 1903, no thanks to the Brits who appointed Lord Alberton. Of course, the Americans took a very strong position on this.

It is important that we get this Bill passed very quickly. I am sure you have not forgotten that only 18 months ago the United States offered a piece of British Columbia for sale through the Secretary of the Interior.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Hon. Member should know that the length of time taken to read the summary should not exceed the length of time it would take to read the Bill.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

BANKRUPTCY ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-271, an Act to amend the Bankruptcy Act (priority of claims).

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that the Hon. Member shall have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Rodriguez: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this Bill is to ensure that when an employer goes bankrupt, the employees are placed first on the priority list to protect their salaries and pensions up to \$9,000 in preference to all other creditors.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

CRIMINAL CODE

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. Bill Domm (Peterborough) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-272, an Act to amend the Criminal Code (capital punishment).

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that the Hon. Member shall have leave to introduce the Bill?