

Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Veterans Affairs): Yes, Mr. Speaker, the research work has begun. It has not yet been terminated.

DEFENCE PRODUCTION

SEA TRIALS OF HYDROFOIL

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Defence. Further to a question which I attempted to ask the other day, and in order to offset any detrimental rumours, I wonder whether the minister could briefly report on the trials of the hydrofoil?

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, as every member of the house knows, I hope, we have had very successful trials with H.M.C.S. *Bras d'Or*. I do not believe we are experiencing any serious difficulty, though there were some rumours that we were experimenting with hydrodynamic vibration, when the ship was in transit, from hull to foilborne. These are matters that we would like to know more about, but they are not of a serious nature. We expect the experiments that we are conducting now will prove that they have been worth while.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

PROCEDURE ON CRIMINAL CODE AMENDING BILL

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): Mr. Speaker, may I rise on a point of order at this point for the information of members. Because of certain confusion may I ask the house leader when the recorded votes will take place in respect to the first 11 amendments?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, my understanding is that the disposition of the Chair would be to put the votes at the end of the debate on the first 11 amendments.

[Translation]

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

CRIMINAL CODE

REPORT STAGE

The house resumed, from Monday, April 21, consideration of Bill C-150, an act to

Criminal Code

amend the Criminal Code, the Parole Act, the Penitentiary Act, the Prisons and Reformatories Act and to make certain consequential amendments to the Combines Investigation Act, the Customs Tariff and the National Defence Act, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs. And the motion of Mr. Knowles:

That Bill C-150, An Act to amend the Criminal Code, the Parole Act, the Penitentiary Act, the Prisons and Reformatories Act and to make certain consequential amendments to the Combines Investigation Act, the Customs Tariff and the National Defence Act, be amended by deleting from clause 13 thereof paragraph (a) and paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of the proposed new section 179-A of the Criminal Code.

Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière): Mr. Speaker, yesterday we were discussing a motion to the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) designed to make it illegal for the federal government and the provinces to set up a lottery.

Last night, at the beginning of my speech, I listed some arguments to justify my opposition, not to the amendment of the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre but to the provisions of clause 13 of the omnibus bill.

Mr. Speaker, I want to make it clear that I am not against lotteries, but rather opposed to the reasons, avowed or not, which prompt the federal, provincial or municipal governments to set up a lottery for their benefit rather than in the interest of the Canadian people.

I said last night that the intent of starting a national, provincial or municipal lottery was an admission of the inability of the present Canadian monetary system to finance the public sector, at a time when demands of citizens are ever increasing.

Mr. Speaker, I unreservedly support the proposal of the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre, because I feel that it will not solve the problem and that it will only defer its settlement.

In my opinion, hon. members should be serious and responsible enough to take over the administration of public affairs. It is disgraceful to make annual journeys to New York, France and other countries to obtain the necessary funds to finance the administration of Canada.

Mr. Speaker, the governments can no longer tax directly or indirectly nor overtax the Canadian people.