

Motions

I suggest that it is a denial of the rights of hon. members to ask that any member be asked to forgo that opportunity. I suggest that, provided the "without debate" provision is withdrawn, we will be happy to give unanimous consent.

Mr. Nielsen: Madam Speaker, perhaps to assist the Chair before it rules on the point made by the Chair, you may wish to consider Standing Order 32(1)(p) which deals with the business of the House and which, I submit, provides any hon. member with the opportunity that is being sought by the hon. member for Vancouver Centre (Miss Carney).

Madam Speaker: First, I wish to reply to the hon. member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans). This morning again I went through the proceedings which took place yesterday. Indeed, once the motion was proposed I did ask for unanimous consent. But as soon as I asked for unanimous consent, some hon. members did give it, but not all of them. The hon. member for Burnaby (Mr. Robinson) was on his feet and I therefore recognized him. Consequently, that procedure by which I was seeking unanimous consent was interrupted by his seeking the floor—which is perfectly legitimate—and I gave him the floor. Subsequently there was an exchange on both sides of the House. Again I asked for unanimous consent in order to complete that procedure, and unanimous consent was not given. That must be made quite clear.

In my estimation there was not unanimous consent. As far as today is concerned, even without having looked at the reference, I think the point made by the hon. member is well taken. The House can do just about anything it wishes as long as it receives unanimous consent.

Therefore, I believe we have heard part of the motion, but if the House is ready to give unanimous consent to the hon. member for Vancouver Centre to propose her motion to the House, I can ask the House whether it will give that unanimous consent.

Mr. Robinson (Burnaby): Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order. With respect to yesterday's proceedings in the House, I want the record to be very clear that it was absolutely the case that unanimous consent was granted by all parties to the putting of this motion yesterday. The only issue was whether or not there could be debate on it. Certainly, we gave unanimous consent.

Madam Speaker: Not at all. There was no unanimous consent. I must make that quite clear for the record. The Chair would know by looking at the whole House whether there was unanimous consent.

It was the distinct and clear impression of the Chair that the proceeding to seek unanimous consent was interrupted by the hon. member for Burnaby rising to be recognized. As I say, that is perfectly legitimate. I did recognize the hon. member and, after the exchange, the Chair came back to complete the procedure. At that point the House did not give its consent.

Miss Carney: Madam Speaker, does your ruling mean that I may proceed with this motion?

Madam Speaker: Does the House give unanimous consent for the motion to be put by the hon. member for Vancouver Centre?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Madam Speaker: There is no unanimous consent.

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby): Madam Speaker, I ask leave of the House to propose the following motion:

That it be an instruction to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs that during its consideration of Bill C-53, it take into consideration all legal methods of dealing with street soliciting with the purpose of prostitution, and including Sections 195.1 and 171 of the Criminal Code of Canada, as well as the various provincial and municipal laws presently in force in this regard, and include the hearing and consideration of the views of the interested persons and organizations, provided that all witnesses on this issue be heard by the justice committee, or a sub-committee thereof, between May 10 and May 31, 1982.

I seek unanimous consent of the House to propose this motion which would have exactly the same effect as the motion which was moved yesterday by the hon. Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Justice (Mr. Peterson) and as the motion moved today by the hon. member for Vancouver Centre (Miss Carney) with the one proviso that the dates in question be May 10 to May 31 so that the consideration of Bill C-53 would not be jeopardized in any way.

Madam Speaker: Does the House give the hon. member its unanimous consent to put this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Madam Speaker: The hon. member does not have unanimous consent of the House.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 1,431, 2,547, 2,548, 3,696, 3,733, 3,754 and 3,755.

[Text]

POLICY ON TRAVEL OUTSIDE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

Question No. 1,431—**Mr. Crosby:**

1. Is there a policy applicable to the officers in the Prime Minister's office and in the Privy Council office respecting payment for travel to their homes outside the National Capital Region and for time off for such travel and, if so, what is the policy?

2. Are such officers permitted to travel first class on Air Canada and other airlines at public expense and, if so, what are their names?

3. Are such officers permitted to receive income and other benefits from sources other than the government and, if so, what are the limits?