

be clothed with constitutional authority. I find it unusual that the hon. gentleman should regard an intervention on a constitutional matter in the Supreme Court of Canada as reckless.

**Mr. Woolliams:** A supplementary question. In light of the fact that this government has continually refused to have any inquiry into the acceleration of crime, how can he justify and square, I will use the word again, his position with the fact that it is from this inquiry in Quebec that we got the information that bad beef was being sold to Canadians?

**Mr. Basford:** Mr. Speaker, it is because the commission in Quebec has served a very useful purpose that I am interested in ensuring, with the Solicitor General in Quebec, that any inquiry has a proper constitutional basis.

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### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

#### ANGOLA—POSSIBILITY OF GOVERNMENT ACTION AT UNITED NATIONS TO PREVENT FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN CONFLICT

**Mr. Howard Johnston (Okanagan-Kootenay):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In the light of his previous interest in Angola independence displayed in his recent tour of Africa, and considering reports which indicate that large numbers of foreign advisers, supplies and troops are being landed in that country with the consequent risk of civil strife there escalating into major conflict, has the minister made any representations to the United Nations urging that organization to use its influence to prevent foreign intervention in Angola?

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, we have not taken any specific initiative at the United Nations in the way of resolutions or any move of that kind.

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### ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

#### ALLEGATION SEX OFFENDERS AND HABITUAL CRIMINALS OUT ON TEMPORARY ABSENCES—SUGGESTED DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST THOSE RESPONSIBLE

**Mr. John Reynolds (Burnaby-Richmond-Delta):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Solicitor General of which I have given him notice. On November 7, the Solicitor General told this House that habitual criminals and dangerous sexual offenders are not allowed out on temporary absences. As the minister knows, I told his staff this morning, the Canadian penitentiaries service publishes a computer printout every month. This computer printout indicates there are a number of dangerous sexual offenders and habitual criminals out on temporary absences. I wonder if the minister can advise this House if he has taken disciplinary action against the institution for allowing these people out against his wishes.

### Oral Questions

**Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, to begin with I did not say what the hon. member says I said on that particular day. I said dangerous sexual offenders were not permitted temporary absences. The *Hansard* was wrong and I made a correction in it. I did not say that habitual offenders were not—

**Mr. Reynolds:** You changed *Hansard*.

**Mr. Allmand:** No, I never said that.

**Mr. Reynolds:** You did!

**Mr. Allmand:** I did not say that.

**Mr. Reynolds:** You did so!

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Lawrence:** Take him up the alley.

**Mr. Allmand:** All right. Mr. Speaker, Commissioners' Directive 228 of the Canadian penitentiaries service reads that an inmate declared by the court to be a dangerous sexual offender shall not be granted a temporary absence. If, as the hon. member suggested, certain people are being let out contrary to that directive, he should give me the names. He has given me one already and we are checking on that. If he has any others, he should give them all to me and we will check on those as well.

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### PENITENTIARIES

#### PITTSBURGH—REASON FOR SUSPENSION OF TWO OFFICIALS

**Mr. John Reynolds (Burnaby-Richmond-Delta):** Mr. Speaker, I will be more than pleased to give the minister the whole computer printout. I do not know why he cannot get it. My supplementary question to the minister is to ask if he can advise the House whether the director of the Pittsburgh institution and the senior security director of the Pittsburgh institution have been suspended for allowing people out on temporary absences who should not be out?

**Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, it is true that two officials at the Pittsburgh institution have been suspended for abuses of their responsibilities including abuse with respect to temporary absence passes but not, I believe, with respect to dangerous sexual offenders. I do not think I should say more about this at the present time because they have appealed their suspension and that is presently being heard.

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### CUSTOMS

#### REQUEST THAT OFFICE AT BARRINGTON PASSAGE, NOVA SCOTIA, NOT BE CLOSED

**Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore):** Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of National Revenue. In view of that fact that Barrington Passage, Nova Scotia, has the