

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S.O. 21

[English]

PORNOGRAPHY

INTRODUCTION OF AMENDMENTS TO CRIMINAL CODE

Mr. John Nunziata (York South—Weston): Mr. Speaker, last week the Minister of Justice (Mr. Crosbie) introduced new pornography legislation. We in the Liberal Opposition applauded the Government with respect to the amendments to the Criminal Code that deal with child pornography and child abuse. We very strongly believe that there is no penalty harsh enough to deal with the degenerates in society who would use children for pornographic purposes. As well, we expressed very deep concern about the Minister's attempt to strap a giant chastity belt over Canadian sexuality with the vague and broad definition of pornography in the legislation. According to the Minister of Justice pornography is any visual depiction of any sexual matter. That could include kissing, and we believe—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please, sixty seconds.

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MEDICAL CARE

ONTARIO HOSPITAL INSURANCE PROGRAM—CONDEMNATION OF THREAT BY CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Mr. Neil Young (Beaches): Mr. Speaker, the Canadian Medical Association has asked doctors across the country not to honour the health insurance cards of Ontario residents who visit other provinces. This is to be done by doctors to help their colleagues in Ontario maintain their privileged position in the face of legislation to ban extra billing.

The CMA is suggesting that doctors in other provinces increase the distress of Ontario residents seeking medical care by forcing them to pay directly for that care and to seek reimbursement from the Ontario Health Insurance Plan. This would mean that Ontario residents would be treated as if they were visiting a foreign country. It threatens the universal accessibility of medical care for all Canadians, and it is also in contravention of the Canada Health Act which specifies that when a Canadian visits another province and requires medical services there, those services are to be paid for by the medical plan of the home province.

The CMA wants doctors across the country to ignore this law. This is an illegitimate use of doctors' powers and I call on the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Epp) to enforce the Canada Health Act.

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DISASTERS

FORTHCOMING ANNIVERSARY OF AIR INDIA CRASH OFF COAST OF IRELAND

Mr. Alan Redway (York East): Mr. Speaker, a week today on June 23 we will mark the first anniversary of the tragic crash off the coast of Ireland of Air India Flight 182. The official cause of that crash is yet to be determined but 329 men, women and children lost their lives in that disaster.

Because it was an Air India flight and because most of the passengers had their origins in India, some feel that this was an East Indian tragedy. However, 80 per cent of the victims were Canadians and this was a Canadian disaster.

The sympathy and hearts of all Canadians have gone out to the families and friends of the victims. However, tears are not enough. We must mark this anniversary by rededicating ourselves to the principles on which Canada is based: hard work, equality of opportunity for all, love of God, compassion for others, and racial tolerance, principles so well exemplified by Canadians of East Indian origin.

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TRADE

IMPORTANCE OF CHRISTMAS TREE EXPORTS TO NOVA SCOTIA

Mr. Lawrence I. O'Neil (Cape Breton Highlands—Canso): Mr. Speaker, I rise to emphasize the importance of the Christmas tree industry to Nova Scotia. Over the past decade Christmas tree growers have developed a fine product which has penetrated the United States market-place. Today the number of trees exported from Nova Scotia is 1.8 million, with a dollar value of \$22 million. Nova Scotia exports 67 per cent of the Canadian trees entering the United States.

As Nova Scotians expanded their U.S. market, they foresaw the possibility of U.S. protectionism leading to tariffs on Canadian trees. Therefore they have refused to accept assistance that might be construed as a subsidy.

These growers are leaders in addressing the U.S. concern about unfair competition. They have educated their U.S. counterparts in an effort to minimize concern about unfair competition from Canada. As a result, U.S. and Canadian growers have a relationship of mutual respect and acceptance.

These growers recognize the need for Canada to fight protectionism in the U.S. They do, however, want government officials to be fully aware of their success in dealing with protectionism. They would welcome an opportunity to discuss to further discuss the possible implications—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Sixty seconds.