

assessing risk remains a matter of human judgment to a large extent and human judgment is not infallible. Despite the difficulties which will always remain, I can assure you, Madam Speaker, that this Government has done and will continue to do what it can to improve the process.

● (1825)

First, as Hon. Members know, Bill C-67 was passed in July of 1986. That Bill allowed the parole board to intervene and prevent the automatic release to mandatory supervision of patently dangerous inmates. Up until July 31, 1987, one year after the legislation was passed, 346 inmates had been referred to the National Parole Board for detention hearings. Of these inmates, 81 were ordered detained, subject to yearly review until sentence expiry. Seventy-two were given residency conditions, 65, one-chance mandatory supervision and 110 were released under "regular" mandatory supervision.

Second, the Parole Board is at this time implementing a trial basis decision-making policies that will focus on undue risk. Third, the correctional service is implementing a case-

management-strategies approach aimed at reducing and controlling the risk posed by paroled offenders.

In addition, in response to the Ruygrok inquest, certain measures such as information co-ordinators were speedily introduced and other longer-term measures have recently been proposed to the Solicitor General (Mr. Kelleher) by a sentence-management review conducted by ministry officials. We are striving daily to find ways of improving our performance. To the extent the inquiries into this tragedy reveal any necessary corrective measures, they will be undertaken in addition to those to which I have already referred.

In closing, Madam Speaker, let me again express my deepest sympathies to the relatives and friends of those three victims who so tragically lost their lives.

[*Translation*]

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): The motion to adjourn the House is now deemed to have been adopted. Accordingly this House stands adjourned until tomorrow morning at 11 a.m., pursuant to Standing Order 3(1).

The House adjourned at 6.27 p.m.