

Government Orders

This act sets the guidelines for a judge to make a determination based on certain criteria. The act goes some distance in setting out those criteria to allow the judge to make a determination as to whether a particular alleged crime can be heard in the young offenders court or, if it is of a serious enough nature, that it can be transferred, under the criteria as set out in the statute, and tried in an adult court. On that basis, I think the legislation should be adopted.

Second, if the judge should decide that the alleged offence is one that should remain in the young offenders court, the penalty for that crime should be increased from three to five years. Only time will tell whether that is a satisfactory penalty, consistent with the degree or severity of the crime, that the community will accept.

I thought it was important, with my background, that I address those problems.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Is the House ready for the question?

Some hon. members: Question.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

An hon. member: On division.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to a legislative committee.

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CANADIAN LAWS OFFSHORE APPLICATION ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

The House proceeded to the consideration of Bill C-39, an act to apply federal laws and provincial laws to offshore areas and to amend certain acts in consequence thereof, as reported (with amendment) from a legislative committee.

Mr. Angus: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I could obtain the unanimous consent of the House to allow me to put a very few amendments. Normally we would have had ample warning that the bill was coming forward today. We found out only when the business question was asked and we are still scrambling. In fact, I do not even have copies of the motions here to provide to the parliamentary secretary and the Liberal Party. Would there be

unanimous consent to allow me to move the motions? I trust the House will make the appropriate decisions with regard to their value.

Mr. Kaplan: Mr. Speaker, I have not seen the motions either, but because of the rushed procedure by which we have reached this bill at this time, we ought to give unanimous consent to allow the motions to be put. However, that is not to be taken as approval of the motions by the opposition. We would like to see them. Unless we give our consent, we are not going to get the opportunity even to read them.

Mr. Nicholson: Mr. Speaker, I have had discussions with the hon. member for Thunder Bay—Atikokan and it is acceptable to the government side that he put his motions.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Am I to understand that the hon. member will now put his motions? Does you have them?

Mr. Angus: Mr. Speaker, I have a single copy. The Pages have taken out the originals to have copies made and we are just waiting for them. I should indicate as well that there is an understanding between the parliamentary secretary and myself—we have not had discussions with the Official Opposition—that we will more than likely wrap up report stage and third reading before five o'clock today. Could we just suspend for a minute or two until we get the copies so that members can have them in front of them, as well as there being copies at the table?

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): While we are waiting for the motions, it is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 38, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Burin—St. Georges—Fisheries; the hon. member for Trinity—Spadina—Immigration; and the hon. member for Kingston and the Islands—New Horizon Program.

SITTING SUSPENDED

Mr. Nicholson: Mr. Speaker, I suggest that we suspend the House until 4.15 p.m.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Is it agreed that the House stand suspended until 4.15 p.m.?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

The sitting of the House was suspended at 4.10 p.m.