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As I have pointed out in the House you have to be careful that the law is not made on the basis of one case. The Ng case tended to go one way. But we have had other cases in the past, like Leonard Peltier for example. It now appears that this native American leader, who is still in Leavenworth jail in the United States, was extradited from Canada under fabricated evidence. That was a real blot on Canada. It was a lesson for us that we have to have a balanced process.

The old system was too long. We have to streamline the system. I think that is what we are doing in this bill.

While I am on my feet I want to make some positive criticism. I am quoted in *The Globe and Mail* this morning: "Campbell tables justice bills. NDP Waddell calls communications exercise phoney". I am not backing off from that; I just want to clarify it.

The parliamentary secretary said today in his speech that this is public security week. It is being called Law and Order Week or Protection of the Public Week.

Yesterday I said that more has to be done than to just issue press releases and call press conferences when you have very little to say and hype the public into thinking that somehow this government is enacting a slew of bills that will protect the public. If you really want to protect the public by a series of justice bills, you have to move in four areas.

One area is rehabilitation because people are being warehoused in jail and when they get out they commit more crimes.

Second is access to the courts. That includes poor people so you do not cut the Court Challenges Program. It includes aboriginal people. You work towards an aboriginal system of justice. You do not reject it, as the Minister of Justice has. It includes a reform of legal aid and includes a reform of the courts. That is access to the courts. That is real change in the judicial system.

Third, look at future ideas and planning. The parliamentary secretary mentioned the Law Reform Commission in his speech. The member for Cape Breton—The Sydneys said yesterday that the idea for the contraventions bill that we debated yesterday had come from the Law Reform Commission over a decade ago.

This government cut the Law Reform Commission. I am all in favour of saving money and cutting government fat. The Prime Minister pays \$800,000 to get his press clippings in the morning and we lose the Law Reform Commission that was bringing forward new ideas. As one of the members said yesterday, only Zimbabwe and one other country in the Commonwealth are without law reform commissions. It provides new ideas and one of the new ideas we need is in the area of extradition. We have to look at that.

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The fourth point that I want to make in terms of public security is that we have to have another look at the juvenile law. There is clearly discontent out there in the country.

Those are four concrete, positive suggestions. If you want to have a public security week you move in those areas.

The parliamentary secretary mentioned gun control. Yes, we did work together on gun control and it was a step, but let us keep going. Let us make sure we get the Orders in Council to stop these paramilitary weapons flowing into Canada. That is part of public security as well.

There is a feeling in the country, and I suspect members are picking this up, because I certainly am in my riding of Port Moody—Coquitlam which is a suburb of Vancouver, that people are increasingly concerned about their own security. They have the feeling that Canada is becoming more violent, like the United States. That is why we are all trying to work together to get solid bills.

I say to the government and I say to the minister, forget the press releases, forget the hype. Let us have law and order, not law and ornaments.

Let me go back to dealing specifically with this bill. The member for Moncton made a good point in his speech. He said really this is just the beginning and that we will be looking at presumably another extradition bill. He suggested that maybe we had the cart before the horse. He quoted from the Canadian Bar Association.

I want to quote from one of the witnesses, lawyer David Gibbons, who is a distinguished criminal lawyer from Vancouver. He came before the committee on this