

Urea Formaldehyde Insulation Act

ultimately be resolved, if at all. I stress the point, if they will be resolved at all. I honestly do not have much faith in an ultimate resolution which will be satisfactory to anyone who does not qualify today under the bill.

Will the home owners' representatives be invited to participate directly in the negotiations which will take place with the other so-called partners in this problem? Will they be at the negotiating table? Will they be there as spokesmen, or will they simply be allowed to attend?

Mr. Lewis: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. We have seen a lot of cheap tricks lately. I would draw Mr. Speaker's attention to the member sitting directly behind the present speaker and to the T-shirt she is wearing. I think it is unacceptable in this chamber. I would ask you to rule on this, Mr. Speaker. Is it permissible in this chamber to wear a T-shirt which says "I support UFFI victims?"

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The hon. member has made his point. The Chair has been called upon to make a ruling that is, shall we say, one of the more delicate ones. The tradition of the House has been to remove the display. In the circumstances, I think that the decorum requirements are such that I will rule that this is not a display.

Some hon. Members: Shame.

Mr. Deans: Mr. Speaker, you can see that the Conservatives are nit-picking, playing games, and are unconcerned about the problem. For a moment I was worried that they might demand my hon. colleague to take her shirt off.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Deans: Let me continue, Mr. Speaker. I want to talk about the time-frame for a moment. Through you, Mr. speaker, I ask the minister what provisions are there to put in place a full review of the responses obtained within the process that will be undertaken? What time-frame will there be in which to come to ultimate conclusions with regard to that? What assured alternatives will the minister provide today should these projected negotiations to which we are hanging on so much fail to satisfy the objectives for total compensation of the cost of removal?

I think that I am likely speaking for the Conservatives as well; I hope that I am. I think we are all committed to total compensation for the full removal of UFFI. I think that is the stand of most members. However, I worry because there is no guarantee or way of making sure that this will happen. Will the minister respond to the very serious concerns that have been expressed by all the members of the advisory council? Has he committed himself to provide relief to financially deprived victims? What will he do if a senior citizen on fixed income, an unemployed person or a low-income individual is unable to remove the insulation? Where is the commitment to those people? What is the minister prepared to tell us about the government's commitment to ensuring—

Mr. Ouellet: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, I have been receiving numerous questions from the hon. member which are in the form of a speech. I want to assure him that I am ready to give him answers to all his series of questions. I hope that it will be possible to do so as soon as we reach Committee of the Whole stage.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The hon. minister has made his point.

Mr. Fraser: Mr. Speaker says on behalf of myself and, I am sure, on behalf of other colleagues here that the questions which the House leader of the New Democratic Party is asking are questions that we want to ask—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The hon. member is not making a point of order.

Mr. Skelly: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, I suggest that there are numerous opportunities to speak in the House today and these questions are certainly valid and could be answered by anyone over there.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The hon. member is not making a point of order.

Mr. Deans: I want to thank the hon. member for Vancouver South (Mr. Fraser) for his support in this matter.

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Mr. Deputy Speaker: The hon. member for Vancouver South (Mr. Fraser) asks the hon. member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans) if he will accept a question.

Mr. Deans: I have only about five more minutes in which to speak, Mr. Speaker, and then I will be happy to accept any number of questions. I will be very happy to accept any number of questions in about five minutes, and then the hon. member can take the rest of the evening to question me or the minister, depending upon whom it pleases him to question. I probably know more about the answers than the minister does. In fact, so does the hon. member for Vancouver South, probably.

I wanted to go on and say to the hon. member for Vancouver South that I am delighted that he thinks these questions are the appropriate ones. I think he is right. These are questions to which we all want the answers, and we need only ask them once and then we will get the answers.

Considering the problem of access, when the minister responds at the end of second reading, I would like him to state what provision will be put in place, through either an amendment to the bill or through the regulations, to ensure that the victims of UFFI will have access to qualify for the grant of up to \$5,000. I think we have all agreed that it is up to \$5,000. Yesterday, the minister indicated that that was the minimum amount. I think we all understand now that in fact \$5,000 is the maximum amount. The \$5,000 is available now only to those with adequate financial resources. How will we ensure in the regulations that people of limited means will have access? How will we—