

Mr. Speaker ruled that motions numbered 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 38, 40, 41, 43 and 44 are now procedural-ly unacceptable.

Whereupon, the House resumed debate on the motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. O'Sullivan,—That Bill C-84, An Act to amend the Criminal Code in relation to the punishment for murder and certain other serious offences, be amended in Clause 21 by striking out line 20 at page 12 and substituting the following therefor:

“under the Penitentiary Act, and no absence with escort may for humanitarian and rehabilitation reasons be authorized under the Penitentiary Act without the approval of the National Parole Board and no day”.

And on the motion of Mr. Fortin, seconded by Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse),—That Bill C-84, An Act to amend the Criminal Code in relation to the punishment for murder and certain other serious offences, be amended in Clause 21 by

(a) striking out lines 22 to 43 at page 8 and substituting the following therefor:

“669. The sentence to be pronounced against a person

(a) whose sentence of death is commuted to imprisonment for life or who is to be sentenced to imprisonment for life for an offence under subsection 214(3) or paragraphs 214(5)(b) or (c) shall be that he be sentenced to imprisonment for life without eligibility for parole until he has served twenty-five years of his sentence;

(b) who is to be sentenced to imprisonment for life for second degree murder, shall be that he be sentenced to imprisonment for life without eligibility for parole until he has served at least ten years of his sentence or such greater number of years, not being more than twenty-five years, as has been substituted therefor pursuant to section 671; and

(c) who is to be sentenced to imprisonment for life for any other offence, shall be that he be sentenced to imprisonment for life with normal eligibility for parole.”;

(b) striking out lines 35 to 44 at page 9 and substituting the following therefor:

“672. (1) Where a person has served at least fifteen years of his sentence, where he has been sentenced to imprisonment for life without eligibility for parole until he has served more than fifteen years of his sentence,”.

Mr. Halliday proposed to move in amendment thereto,—That Motion numbered 37 be amended by striking out paragraph (a) thereof and substituting the following therefor:

“(a) by striking out lines 22 to 31 at page 8 and substituting the following therefor:

“669. The sentence to be pronounced against a person who is to be sentenced to imprisonment for life shall be,

(a) in respect of a person who has been convicted of high treason or first degree murder, that he be sentenced to imprisonment for his natural life without eligibility for parole,

(a.1) in respect of a person who has been convicted of second degree murder and who has been previously convicted of either first degree murder or second degree murder, that he be sentenced to imprisonment for his natural life without eligibility for parole,”.

Mr. Speaker ruled the proposed amendment out of order because it introduced a new proposition to the motion.

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“under the Penitentiary Act, and no absence with escort may for humanitarian and rehabilitation reasons be authorized under the Penitentiary Act without the approval of the National Parole Board and no day”.

By unanimous consent, the motion was allowed to stand until later this day.

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