

Regarding health problems, we always prepare an update of scientific literature on a given matter. This material should be made available to hon. members when considering the bill so that they can make a more in-depth study and have full knowledge of what the government intends to do. I believe that the best way to proceed is to have all tools in hand at the same moment.

[English]

**Mr. Wenman:** If the minister was in fact aware of the newer research material I doubt she would allow the legislation to be introduced.

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### CRIMINAL CODE

#### LAYING OF CHARGES FOR IMPORTATION OF CANNABIS

**Mr. Robert Wenman (Fraser Valley West):** My supplementary is directed to the Minister of Justice. The minister's department has just dropped guidelines calling for the laying of a charge of importation if a person brings in 20 kilos of cannabis, the equivalent of 80,000 joints of marijuana, or more into Canada. Surely someone bringing 80,000 joints or more into the country is in fact importing and should be so charged.

Recognizing the contemporary health hazards involved, and the dropped guideline is a *de facto* dropping of the seven-year prison term, will the minister, in consultation with his colleagues, the Minister of National Health and Welfare and the Solicitor General, review and reconsider both the guidelines and the introduction of any legislation prior to further discussion of the health hazard?

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Justice and Minister of State for Social Development):** Madam Speaker, this guideline policy given to the Crown attorneys in marijuana cases has been in place for several years, and the discretion used by the Attorney General was also used by my predecessor two years ago and by the others before him so that the problem could be solved satisfactorily. I do not believe that it would be appropriate to change these guidelines for the moment, but I shall give consideration to the suggestion made by the hon. member.

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[English]

### NATIONAL SECURITY

#### REVIEW OF TASCHEREAU-KELLOCK COMMISSION PAPERS

**Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds-Grenville):** Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the President of the Privy Council in the absence of the Solicitor General.

The Solicitor General stated in the House on May 28 that he was in receipt of the interim report by Mr. Branscombe on the possible release of the so called Taschereau papers dealing with national security. He also said the complete review by

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Mr. Branscombe would be finished, he used the word "soon", and the government would make its position known "soon". In view of the fact that Mr. Branscombe has now apparently finished the review, is the minister in a position to tell the House the current status of the situation? Can the government's position be made known now, or when will it be made known?

**Hon. Yvon Pinard (President of the Privy Council):** Madam Speaker, I am not informed that Mr. Branscombe has made his report yet. The hon. member says "apparently". I have no indication that this is correct and accurate. I can verify this with the Solicitor General, but I can confirm to the hon. member that Mr. Branscombe has not made his report to me as yet.

#### DECISION ON MAKING REPORT PUBLIC

**Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds-Grenville):** I am somewhat surprised that the President of the Privy Council apparently does not know what is going on in his office because I am assured that the report has been completed.

As a supplementary I ask the minister is one of the problems the government is facing in making this report public, or in reaching a decision, the fact that certain names are of a delicate nature and it is naturally trying to determine a way that the report can be made public in detail, but using some sort of pseudonym system to protect the human rights of certain persons named therein?

[Translation]

**Hon. Yvon Pinard (President of the Privy Council):** Madam Speaker, if I had been given a report, I would know it. I do not want to speculate, and I am not here to feed the gossip press of the hon. member. However, I shall check with the Solicitor General, and when he confirms that he has the report, he will be able to follow up on the questions of the hon. member.

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[English]

### INDIAN AFFAIRS

#### SANITATION FACILITIES AT PAINT HILLS, P.Q.—AVAILABILITY OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR CREE COMMUNITIES

**Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands):** Madam Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. The people of Canada have a continuing concern for the terrible health situation of the James Bay Cree and the failure of the government to live up to its obligations. I understand the minister's department has been telling people they have been doing something to correct the contaminated water situation in Paint Hills, a situation which has been documented since January. However, the Cree Housing Corporation has had to borrow money to institute an emergency program in Paint Hills and has not received any