

Adjournment Debate

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): Order, please. On a point of order, the Hon. Member for York East (Mr. Redway).

Mr. Redway: Mr. Speaker, as I understand the purpose of the time for questions and comments, the comments and questions should be short and not consist of an entire speech. The Hon. Member would have that opportunity on another occasion.

Mr. Rossi: You did the same thing yesterday.

Mr. Redway: Who, me?

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): Order. I think I signalled to the Hon. Member that the time may have come for a question.

Mr. Epp (Thunder Bay—Nipigon): Mr. Speaker, the other issue on which I will just offer a brief comment is that in the Canada of today, where economic power is as concentrated as it is, we are perilously close to the kind of society that in days past our forebears in England criticized when they looked at Imperial Germany and Japan. We have economic and political power here which is in grave danger—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): Order. I am sorry to interrupt the Hon. Member. The Hon. Member for The Battlefords—Meadow Lake (Mr. Gormley).

Mr. Gormley: Mr. Speaker, it makes one tingle all over to be able to debate Adam Smith at three minutes to six. I would like to have the opportunity some other time. Throw in Edmund Burke and we will have a very good session.

As to philosophy, the CCF, the prairie grassroots agrarian movement, has nothing in common with the NDP. We all know that, particularly those who have been raised in Saskatchewan.

Mr. Nunziata: Mr. Speaker, in precisely three minutes the six o'clock news will be on in all jurisdictions in this time zone. One of the major stories tonight will be the proposed merger between Imasco and Genstar. This legislation, Bill C-91, will, to a certain degree, address the issues involved. The Hon. Member has obviously given a lot of consideration to this legislation and I would like to ask him about the retroactive effect of the Bill. I asked the Parliamentary Secretary this precise question and he was unable to answer so I would like to ask the Hon. Member whether this legislation will have any effect whatsoever on the Hiram Walker-Gulf situation. If not, should this legislation in his view have a retroactive effect in order to ensure that that particular deal is properly scrutinized to determine whether or not it is in the best interests of Canadians? I am sure all those who are about to watch the six o'clock news will be very concerned about the whole question of mergers. I see the Hon. Member is obtaining his instructions from the Parliamentary Secretary across the way. I think he is about ready to answer the question.

Mr. Gormley: Mr. Speaker, I wanted to ask the Parliamentary Secretary if we should have that Member repeat his question. However, I think I got the gist of it. I would like to advise the Hon. Member that if he is here during Question Period every day he should take note of what has been happening in the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs which has been well publicized and the recommendations it made on the Bill tabled yesterday.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): Order, please.

Mr. Nunziata: We are ready for the six o'clock news.

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PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[English]

A motion to adjourn the House under Standing Order 66 deemed to have been moved.

PENITENTIARIES—RECOMMENDED ABOLITION OF MANDATORY SUPERVISION RELEASE

Mr. Alan Redway (York East): Mr. Speaker, some 14 months ago, on the night of January 30, 1985, one Leander Chesterfield Savoury, known to his friends as "Pappa Lea", entered an Esso self-serve gas station on Jane Street south of Highway 401 in the City of North York in Metropolitan Toronto. At that time he held up the attendant at that service station with a sawed-off shotgun. During the hold-up, the shotgun was fired three times. As he left the service station, Savoury was accosted by members of the Metropolitan Toronto Police Department hold-up squad and intelligence squad. They identified themselves and called upon Savoury to throw down his weapon. Savoury pointed the shotgun at the members of the police department. They, in turn, fired at him, and as a result, Savoury was killed.

Recently there was a coroner's investigation into the death of Leander Chesterfield Savoury. As a result of that coroner's investigation, it was found that at the time of his death he was on mandatory supervision, having been released from prison. At the time of his death, he was 21 years of age. He was a man with no fixed address. He was convicted for the first time in adult court for illegal possession of a weapon when he was 16 years of age.

Evidence at the coroner's inquest showed that Savoury was released on mandatory supervision in October of 1984, and that between that time and January 30, 1985 when he was killed in that police shoot-out, a period of time that was only about three brief months, he had been in contact with his parole officer on three occasions, once in person and twice by telephone.

The evidence given at the coroner's inquest also showed that he was the prime suspect in eight other robberies in the