

consent for this motion dealing with the adjournment of the House for the Christmas recess.

I move:

That, no later than five o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, December 19, 1990 the debate on Government Notice of Motion dated December 17, 1990 in the name of the Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, regarding winter adjournment, be deemed to have been completed and all questions necessary to dispose of the said motion will be put forthwith and without further debate, provided that each opposition party has had an opportunity to move an amendment or subamendment.

[Translation]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Is there unanimous consent for considering the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Government House Leader?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Shall I dispense with reading the motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Agreed and so ordered.

Motion agreed to.

[English]

Mr. Rob Nicholson (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, I am of course speaking as a private member, as is my right in private members' hour.

Bill C-271 is an act to amend the Criminal Code. It makes it a crime to send advertising by means of a fax machine. It places it in the Criminal Code for the first time and, as I said, makes it a Criminal Code offence. When I heard about this bill this afternoon the first thing I said when I heard that somebody wanted to make it a crime to use a fax machine to sell something, I said, "I bet it is a member of the NDP who is sponsoring that bill", and I was right. I will tell you why I knew immediately that the NDP would be in favour of this.

Private Members' Business

Mr. Speaker, you show me any ill in society, you show me any nuisance in society, you show me any problem and I will show you a socialist who wants to make it a crime and wants to put it into the Criminal Code. I want to say to members of the NDP and the mover of this bill that you cannot solve all of the world's problems with the Criminal Code. We have to get away from the idea that the Criminal Code is a panacea for all the ills and nuisances that we find in society today. That is why I knew for sure that the NDP would be supporting and moving this bill.

I suggest to them that they look at this problem in its whole context, not take the simplistic view, the band-aid solution, and make it a crime but look at everything. Where in this bill is there any suggestion that we get provincial co-operation? Where is that? There is no reference to that. Where is there any reference for the kind of money that we are going to need to try to solve this problem? There is nothing here. This proposed legislation is completely bankrupt, all it talks about is using the power of the Criminal Code to fix this nuisance. I disagree with that. I say to members of the NDP, go to the root of this problem, go sit down with the people, find out why they have this urge to use facsimile machines for the purposes of advertising, spend some money on it.

An hon. member: It is money and greed.

• (1730)

Mr. Nicholson: The hon. member says that it is money and greed. If it is money and greed that has caused this problem, why do members of the NDP not advocate spending some money to correct the problem? Why do they not talk to some of their friends in the union movement? I bet they would be pretty interested to know about this. Maybe some of them are already aware. Get on the phone to Bob White and say: "Bob, we have a heck of a problem here in Ottawa. Today, people are using facsimile machines to sell greeting cards. Tomorrow it could be automobiles". Then Bob would be worried. The next thing we know, they will be wanting to sell North American cars by facsimile machine. I think they will get his attention then. That is all I can say to the members of the NDP.