

Private Members' Business

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Young (Beaches—Woodbine)—33	

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Bélair	Boyer
Champagne (Champlain)	Walker

Mr. Speaker: I declare the motion carried.

Bill read the third time and passed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Order, please, pursuant to Standing Order 30(6), the House will now proceed to the consideration of Private Members' Business as listed on today's Order Paper.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

[English]

CRIMINAL CODE

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. Scott Thorkelson (Edmonton—Strathcona) moved that Bill C-311, an act to amend the Criminal Code and the Parole Act, be read the second time and referred to a legislative committee in the Departmental envelope.

He said: Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to rise today to speak on my private member's bill, Bill C-311, which is an act to amend the Criminal Code and Parole Act.

This bill came about as a result of a meeting the Edmonton caucus of Progressive Conservative members of Parliament had with six victims of Larry Takahashi last June. On Friday, June 14, 1991, our Edmonton caucus met with these six victims. We met in Edmonton and we listened to their concerns.

From that meeting we took their concerns here to Ottawa. We discussed them through our caucus system. From that process our Alberta caucus decided to ask the hon. member for St. Albert and me to present a private member's bill on the subject of parole. We did this. We worked diligently over the summer and introduced Bill C-311 on October 8, 1991.

This bill has been co-sponsored by 15 other members of Parliament, which is quite significant. I think this has been the greatest number of co-sponsors of any private

member's bill introduced in the House of Commons. It signifies a great deal of support for this initiative.

I want to say at the outset the bill deals with a number of provisions and I will go through those. The bill could not deal with counselling and treatment for victims of crime because of course a private member's bill cannot add an additional expense to the government.

This bill increases the amount of time that convicted inmates are required to serve before they are eligible for parole. I will not go into the technicalities of the schedules for that, but for violent and dangerous offenders generally, they would have to serve three-quarters of their sentence before being eligible for full parole or mandatory parole and one-half their sentence before they are allowed day parole.

Pursuant to Standing Order 86(3), I would like to inform the House of the names of the members who co-sponsored this bill. First I would like to read the Standing Order:

86(3) Notwithstanding the usual practices of the House, not more than twenty Members may jointly second an item under Private Members' Business and may indicate their desire to second any motion in conjunction with the Member in whose name it first appeared on the *Notice Paper*, by so indicating, in writing to the Clerk of the House, at any time prior to the item being proposed.

All names received pursuant to Standing Order 86(3) shall be appended to the Notice Paper, and that they have. The Notice Paper reads:

Seconders pursuant to Standing Order 86(3):

October 8, 1991—Messrs. Porter, Hughes, Thacker, Dorin, Richardson, Shields, and Fee; Mrs. Sparrow and Feltham; Messrs. Johnson, Van De Walle, O'Kurley, Littlechild, Malone and Edwards

I want to thank my colleagues who co-sponsored this bill with me. It has been very, very important.

• (1720)

Mr. Speaker, as you and members of the House will recall, Larry Takahashi was convicted in 1985 of several sexual assaults and he was required to serve in the Mountain Institution in Agassiz, B.C. where he is today.

He was let out on escorted temporary passes to go golfing with unarmed guards. *The Vancouver Sun* found out about this because a guard in that institution notified the paper that this was happening. The paper ran a story on it. The citizens of Edmonton and across the country were outraged because this person, who was initially charged with sexually assaulting 138 people and sentenced to three life terms and well over 75 years in