

Joint Committee on Regulations and other Statutory Instruments, presented to the House earlier this day, was concurred in.

Bill C-84, An Act to amend the Criminal Code in relation to the punishment for murder and certain other serious offences, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs, was again considered at the report stage.

Whereupon, the House resumed debate on the motion of Mr. Halliday, 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 2 by striking out lines 37 to 45 at page 2 and lines 1 to 17 at page 3 and substituting the following therefor:

"shall be sentenced to imprisonment for life or, if the convicted person so chooses, shall be sentenced to death."

And on the motion of Mr. Halliday, 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 3 by striking out lines 23 to 24 at page 3 and substituting the following therefor:

"able offence and shall be sentenced to imprisonment for life, or if the convicted person so chooses, shall be sentenced to death."

And on the motion of Mr. Halliday, 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 5 by striking out lines 34 to 38 at page 4 and substituting the following therefor:

"guilty of an indictable offence and shall,

(a) for a first offence, be sentenced to imprisonment for life, and

(b) for a second offence, be sentenced to imprisonment for life or, if the convicted person so chooses, be sentenced to death."

And on the motion of Mr. Halliday, 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 adding, immediately after line 43 at page 8 the following new subsection:

"(2) The sentence to be pronounced against a person who is sentenced to death shall not be that he be hanged by the neck until dead but shall be in conformity with any humane method of execution as the Governor in Council may establish by regulation."

After further debate, the question being put on the motions, a recorded division was deferred.

Returns and Reports Deposited with the
Clerk of the House

The following papers having been deposited with the Clerk of the House were laid upon the Table pursuant to Standing Order 41(1), namely:

By Mr. Lessard, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council,—Report on the Operation of the Regional Development Incentives Act for the month of February, 1976, pursuant to section 16 of the Act, chapter R-3, R.S.C., 1970. (English and French).—Sessional Paper No. 301-1/323A.

By Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale), a Member of the Queens Privy Council,—Statement of Operations under the Civil Service Insurance Act for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1976, pursuant to subsection 2 of section 21 of the Act, chapter 49, R.S.C., 1952. (English and French).—Sessional Paper No. 301-1/110B.

At 5.03 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned until Monday at 2.00 o'clock p.m., pursuant to Order made Monday, June 28, 1976.