

observations. However, I urge him to make whatever representations are necessary to take steps again, so that particularly small fledgling manufacturers interested in the export field are really considered when the drafting takes place. I assume the sophisticated nature of the large corporate sector prevails in all regions and with all businesses, and that we need to go an extra mile, particularly in some regions of Canada. We must take a special initiative to ensure that in fact they are well informed about the initiatives of the Government in this particular instance.

I appreciate the comments of the Hon. Member and urge him to do whatever he can with his Government and his Minister to ensure that small and medium sized businesses can take advantage of this provision.

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

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to and Bill read the third time and passed.

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PAROLE ACT AND PENITENTIARY ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

The House proceeded to the consideration of Bill C-67, an Act to amend the Parole Act and the Penitentiary Act, as reported (with amendments) from the legislative committee.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): For the benefit of Hon. Members on all sides of the House, may I point out that the Chair has not yet come to a definite ruling on the report stage of the Bill. However, certain rulings are ready to be given, and I will proceed with those rulings immediately. Then we will proceed with debate on those rulings in order and come back at a later time to give a definite ruling on the whole report stage.

Motions Nos. 1A and 2 will be grouped for debate and voted on separately.

Motion No. 3 will be debated separately and voted on separately. Motion Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11, and 27 all deal with the Commissioner's role and therefore will be combined for debate. Since Motion No. 9 is consequential on Motion No. 8, a vote on Motion No. 8 will dispose of Motion No. 9. Motions Nos. 10, 11, and 27 will be voted on separately. Motions Nos. 13, 13A, and 14 will be debated separately and voted on separately. Motions Nos. 17, 18, 18A, 19, 20, and 20A will be combined for debate. Motion No. 17 will be voted on separately. A vote on Motion No. 18 will also apply to Motions Nos. 19 and 20. Motions Nos. 18A and 20A will be voted on separately. Motions Nos. 21 and 22 will be grouped for debate but voted on separately. Motions Nos. 23 and 23A will be the object of separate debates and separate votes. Motions Nos. 24, 25, 31, and 32 will be grouped for debate. A vote on

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Motion No. 24 will also apply to Motions Nos. 25, 31, and 32. Motion No. 26 will be debated separately and voted on separately. Motion No. 30A will be debated separately and voted on separately. Motion No. 31A will be debated separately and voted on separately.

Therefore, the House will now proceed to the debate on Motions Nos. 1A and 2, which have been grouped for debate and will be voted on separately.

Hon. Harvie Andre (for the Solicitor General of Canada) moved:

Motion No. 1A

That Bill C-67, be amended in Clause 2 by striking out line 25 at page 2 and substituting the following therefor:

"(4) On completing the first review of the case of an inmate".

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby) moved:

Motion No. 2

That Bill C-67, be amended in Clause 2 by striking out line 27 at page 2 and substituting the following therefor:

"shall decide following a hearing held for that purpose".

He said: Mr. Speaker, before commencing my remarks in respect of Motion No. 2, I would ask that the Parliamentary Secretary to Solicitor General (Mr. Towers), who is present in the House today, take his opportunity during the course of the debate to explain those motions which are before the House in the name of the Solicitor General (Mr. Beatty), in order that we might have an opportunity to understand the purpose of the motions.

• (1240)

Having started myself, I will take this opportunity to elaborate on the purpose of this motion. I think that in future when there are motions grouped both in name and in the name of the Solicitor General (Mr. Beatty), I would ask that the Parliamentary Secretary to the Solicitor General (Mr. Towers) speak first so we might have an opportunity to respond to the amendments tabled in his name.

The motion which I am now addressing is a motion in my name which would amend Clause 2 of the Bill. It is the clause which deals with applications for day parole. It has been suggested by the Minister that in this clause there will be a mandatory requirement to review the case of all inmates for day parole at the earliest possible opportunity. That is set out in Clause 8(1) which reads:

Subject to sub-section (2), the Board shall review the case of every inmate who is sentenced to imprisonment in or transferred to a penitentiary for two years or more at the times prescribed by the regulations but not later than the day on which an inmate has served the portion of the term of imprisonment, as prescribed by the regulations, that must be served before day parole may be granted.

We have been told in the committee studying this legislation—and for those who are perhaps unfamiliar with the legislation I can clarify—that Bill C-67 with which we are now dealing is a Bill that would implement the principle of gating,