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I am glad to report to the House that yesterday leave was obtained by the law officers of the Crown to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada. We intend to ask for an expeditious hearing and resolution of the matter. I would indicate that, in the meanwhile, the Parole Board is continuing to impose gating in appropriate circumstances. I have given the assurance that if the Supreme Court of Canada takes away the gating power of the Parole Board, I would move quickly to bring before this House—and I hope I will have the Hon. Member's support—some measure to restore the authority to gate in the limited cases where it is proper.

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[Translation]

#### ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

##### INQUIRY RESPECTING NUMBERS RELEASED UNDER CONDITIONAL FREEDOM AND MANDATORY SUPERVISION

**Mr. David Kilgour (Edmonton-Strathcona):** Madam Speaker, my supplementary question is addressed to the same Minister. I do hope that, while he is waiting for the Supreme Court decision, the Minister will take full responsibility for every murder committed by inmates on parole. Madam Speaker, can the Minister tell the House how many individuals accused of murder are now either on parole or under mandatory supervision?

**Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General of Canada):** Madam Speaker, I am not sure whether I fully understood the question of the Hon. Member, but I can tell him that every day there are about 2,000 inmates under mandatory supervision and we now use gating or the power to put some of them back in jail. No inmates are now free who would still be behind bars if the Board did not use that power. I can assure the House that the Parole Board does use that power at the present time and that it will continue to do so while we are waiting for a decision from the Supreme Court of Canada.

#### ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

#### BROADCASTING ACT

##### AMENDMENT TO PROHIBIT ABUSIVE COMMENT ON THE BASIS OF SEX

**Ms. Lynn McDonald (Broadview-Greenwood)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-675, an Act to amend the Broadcasting Act.

**Some Hon. Members:** Explain.

**Ms. McDonald:** Madam Speaker, my Bill is a very short one. It consists simply of a provision to incorporate into the Broadcasting Act provisions which are now in the broadcasting

#### Time Allocation

regulations regarding abuse on the basis of race, religion or creed. The purpose of my amendment is to add the word "sex" to the list of groups which are not to be abused by comment or pictorial representation, and to see that this is part of the Broadcasting Act which gives direction to the CRTC in formulating policy and further regulations.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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#### BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

##### ALLOCATION OF TIME TO CONSIDER SECOND READING STAGE OF BILL C-143

**Hon. Paul J. Cosgrove (Minister of State (Finance))** moved:

That, in relation to Bill C-143, an Act to provide supplementary borrowing authority, one additional sitting day shall be allotted to the consideration of the second reading stage of the Bill; and

That 15 minutes before the expiry of the time provided for Government business on that day, all proceedings before the House shall be interrupted, if required, for the purpose of this Order and, in turn, every question then necessary in order to dispose of that stage shall be put forthwith and successively, without further debate or amendment.

**Madam Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some Hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Cosgrove:** Madam Speaker, the Bill before us today can be described quite simply as a measure required by the Government for prudent financial housekeeping.

The economic statement delivered last October by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Lalonde) made it clear that the extent of the borrowing authority that had already been granted to the Government for the current fiscal year was not sufficient to meet the financial requirements to the end of that period.

Let me quote from that October 27 statement the following two sentences:

I have also made it clear from the estimates I have presented that further borrowing authority will be required before the end of this fiscal year. In the budget I intend to present early in 1983, I will review again the fiscal situation for the current fiscal year, set out estimates for 1983-1984 and future fiscal years, and then seek additional borrowing authority as required.

In his meeting with the provincial Finance Ministers yesterday, the Minister of Finance repeated his intention to proceed with the budget as soon as possible, but in the interim, and during the immediate post-budget period, interim borrowing authority sought by this Bill is required.

Members opposite have feigned shock and amazement at the present Bill. They are not fooling anyone. There have been protests about the inclusion of interim borrowing authority to