

*Non-Smokers' Health Act*

**Mrs. Sparrow:** I listened to you, perhaps you can give me the same courtesy.

**Ms. McDonald:** You are talking total nonsense—total nonsense.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order. Could we have the courtesy of listening to the Hon. Member's speech.

**Mrs. Sparrow:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As far as aeroplanes are concerned, I think everyone is familiar with the success of Air Canada's pilot project banning smoking on flights of two hours or less in the Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa corridor. On November 17, 1986, the Minister of Transport (Mr. Crosbie) announced proposed regulations to ban smoking on all flights of two hours or less in Canadian commercial aircraft. The Minister will recommend to the Governor in Council that the new air regulation, which proposes to ban smoking on Canadian aircraft for both domestic and transborder flights of two hours or less, be published in Part I of the *Canada Gazette* to solicit public comment before a final decision is taken early in 1987. The new regulation would require Canadian air carriers to post signs prohibiting smoking on such flights and that crew members may request any passenger who is smoking to stop. If a passenger does not stop smoking on request, the air carrier, under the regulations, would be required to have the passenger removed; of course, at the next available stop.

**Mr. Parry:** Preferably before.

**Mrs. Sparrow:** Flight crew members on the flight deck would be exempted from the smoking ban. Currently there is no legislation in effect in Canada which requires air carriers to provide non-smoking areas in aircraft.

**Ms. McDonald:** That's the point of this Bill.

**Mrs. Sparrow:** Most of them do so on a voluntary basis.

**Ms. McDonald:** Its not non-smoking if you are in the same enclosed space.

**Mrs. Sparrow:** In the marine mode, there appears to be less need for regulatory measures to afford passengers reasonable freedom from tobacco smoke because of the larger area and mobility available to them which offers more scope for avoiding tobacco fumes.

**Ms. McDonald:** So non-smokers have to go outside.

**Mrs. Sparrow:** One measure taken earlier this year has been to place "no smoking" signs in ferry cafeterias and restrooms. Operators of some ferries have also considered establishing specific smoking areas, but only one ferry has such an area to date.

In addition to ferries, Transport Canada is currently considering possible initiatives in facilities serving the marine sector such as cruise ship terminals at Halifax, Montreal and Vancouver.

The Coast Guard fleet on the other hand, raises more complex issues. It might be reasonable on the part of the federal Government to require that employees refrain from smoking during normal working hours in buildings and workshops, since they are free to smoke as much as they wish once they leave the public facilities. The majority of the Coast Guard fleet, however, spend more time at sea than alongside and it would be unrealistic to anticipate a total ban on smoking aboard Coast Guard vessels. The crew are "at home" when they are not on duty and are entitled to the same liberty on their own time as are land-based employees.

**Ms. McDonald:** And those who don't smoke are entitled to a smoke-free environment.

**Mrs. Sparrow:** With regard to transport terminals, in 1982 Transport Canada introduced restrictions on the smoking of tobacco products within federally owned and operated air passenger terminals. However, this is a complex issue which, in the case of airports and large railway stations—

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**Ms. McDonald:** They all stink!

[Translation]

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Justice (Mr. Gérin), on a point of order.

**Mr. Gérin:** Mr. Speaker, you called for order a while ago, but the Hon. Member for the New Democratic Party who moved the motion, the Member for Broadview—Greenwood (Ms. McDonald) who is right next to the Member for Calgary South (Mrs. Sparrow) who is speaking, is constantly interrupting and making it very difficult for us to follow the speech. I believe this interferes with my rights and privileges as a Member of this House which include being able to listen to the Member, who is making a very interesting speech, without having to put up with uncalled for interruptions by the other Member.

[English]

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The reason we are experiencing a bit of a problem is that there is obviously a Member who is doing some heckling, which is not more than Members do generally, except that the microphone very close to her is open.

I would ask the Hon. Member for Calgary South (Mrs. Sparrow) to conclude her speech as she has approximately one minute left.

**Mrs. Sparrow:** Mr. Speaker, in conclusion, while it is clear that tobacco smoke can be a serious source of annoyance and discomfort to non-smokers, as well as a health hazard to some, legislation of the kind proposed—

**Ms. McDonald:** Some 35,000 people die every year.

**Mrs. Sparrow:** Would you please give me the courtesy of letting me conclude?