

of discrimination in relation to all areas of federal jurisdiction.

In view of the fact that lesbians and gay men continue to be victims of discrimination, of harassment and of increasing levels of violence, and in view of the recent call by the *ad hoc* parliamentary committee on AIDS for urgent action on this recommendation, when will the minister's government finally move to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation?

• (1500)

Hon. Kim Campbell (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for his good wishes on my appointment.

The hon. member will be aware that the Canadian Human Rights Act is now under a comprehensive review in the Department of Justice. My tenure in the department is not sufficiently long that I am able to give him a full report on the status of that review.

I think it is important to point out that the government's commitment in 1986 with respect to sexual orientation was to do whatever is required. The government has taken the position that it is covered by Section 15 of the Charter.

I hope to report further on the review of the Canadian Human Rights Act as soon as it is ready to be reported to the House.

Mr. Speaker: A short supplemental, please.

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby—Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, of course Section 15 of the Charter does not apply within federal private jurisdiction.

My supplementary question is for the Associate Minister of National Defence and the Minister responsible for the status of women.

The minister knows that the Canadian Armed Forces has a policy of overt discrimination against lesbians and gay men. The minister herself, as a member of the equality rights committee in 1985, condemned that policy.

In view of this discriminatory policy, when will the Government of Canada finally move to end discrimination based on sexual orientation within the Canadian Armed Forces? When will the Armed Forces follow the

lead of the RCMP and stop discriminating against men and women who happen to be lesbians or gay?

Hon. Mary Collins (Associate Minister of National Defence and Minister responsible for Status of Women): Mr. Speaker, I think the hon. member is aware that it was my predecessor in this position who suspended certain aspects of that policy pending a government-wide review of policy on this issue.

As my colleague has indicated, that review is still under way. Of course, when it is completed, our department will be involved in it and will be responsible for implementing the results of it.

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps the Opposition would like to ask the usual business question. The hon. member for Ottawa—Vanier.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

WEEKLY STATEMENT

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): You have read my mind, Mr. Speaker.

[*Translation*]

I would like to ask the government House leader—

[*English*]

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member speaking to me said: "You have read my mind". I thought to myself, I do it all the time.

Mr. Gauthier: You must be getting headaches.

[*Translation*]

I would like to ask the government House leader what business he will bring to the House next week. Can he tell us what business he intends to bring to the House tomorrow, next week and until Thursday, if possible?

Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, this afternoon, we will complete debate on the budgetary policy, and tomorrow, Friday, we will begin debate, at the report stage, on Bill C-5, and then proceed to second reading of Bill C-57.

Next week, I intend to proceed with government order No. 21 concerning Bill C-21, and then with debate, at the report stage, on Bill C-48.