

Conference on Human Settlements

ing and others have been pressing the government to take some action on the human settlement problems that face us in Canada. We are very fortunate to live in a nation with a tremendous amount of territory and without the excess population that some other nations have.

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To bring the problem into focus, Mr. Speaker, I point out that, from all indications, urbanization of areas in this country and throughout the world by the year 2000, only 27 years away, will mean that approximately nine out of ten people will be living in urban centres. We have noted the increasing number of problems that have arisen in Canada and in other countries because of the urbanization that is taking place. Some of the problems facing us concern housing, urban renewal, pollution, rapid transit and the pollution problems associated with it. There is also the problem of citizen participation. I urge the minister to co-ordinate a number of research projects prior to 1976 in an effort to get as wide participation as possible by interested groups throughout Canada to make certain that the Canadian contribution to the conference will be sound and solid.

Much remains to be done. Despite a lot of lip service to a national urban policy, we have done relatively little. Problems face us in the northern part of Canada, for example, where there is talk of settlements being established. We find that we do not have the expertise nor the amount of experimentation necessary to ensure that we can build these settlements with any degree of safety. I again urge the minister that action be taken.

Our party heartily welcomes this move by the government. We not only hope that the conference will be a success but that it will also help to lead Canada and the world to a solution of the very grievous human settlement problems that now face us.

[Translation]

Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, we of the Social Credit party welcome the announcement made today by the hon. minister. We again regret only having the English version, and we trust that next time the minister will let us have the French translation in time.

The conference on urban problems will be held in Vancouver in 1976, and will bring together delegates from 130 countries. It will be an extremely important conference for Canada, and for the rest of the world.

I wholeheartedly support the statement by the hon. member for Calgary North (Mr. Woolliams) to the effect that there should be consultations throughout Canada prior to the conference, especially at the municipal level. Indeed, it is municipalities that have to deal with urban problems, and we should give municipal authorities a chance to draw up a concise program and a summary that they could submit to the conference, as well as suggested solutions to Canada's problems.

At the conference, Canada should not only suggest to other countries valid solutions to urban problems, but also report on our specific achievements as of that date.

Rather than coming to the conference with just theories, Canada should prove that she has made concrete achieve-

[Mr. Harding.]

ments in that field, and found realistic financial solutions that other countries could adopt in solving their own urban problems.

The Canadian government has three years in which to put forward financial solutions to offer to the other countries, not just to the technical problems of urbanization and overpopulation, but also to the financial problems, such as those pointed out over the week-end at the meeting of the Federation of Mayors and Municipalities, where they deplored the fact that the federal government does not appear to have established a policy of aid to municipalities, which are for the moment the only ones to suffer the effects of the basic problems of urbanization.

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[English]

CRIMINAL CODE

PROVISION OF WARNING ON ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE
CONTAINERS RESPECTING IMPAIRMENT OF
DRIVING ABILITY

Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey-White Rock) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-162, to amend the Criminal Code (cautionary label on alcoholic beverage container).

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Mather: The purpose of this bill is to assist in combatting the ever-increasing toll of fatal motor vehicle accidents, over 50 per cent of which involve alcohol. The bill would amend the Criminal Code so as to require sellers and importers of alcoholic beverages to have on their products a cautionary label stating: "Excessive drinking impairs driving ability".

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

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**INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE CONVENTION
96 SIGNING AND IMPLEMENTATION BILL**

IMPLEMENTATION OF PROVISION RESPECTING
FEE-CHARGING EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES

Mr. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-163, respecting the signing and implementation of International Labour Conference Convention 96 concerning fee-charging employment agencies.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Caccia: Mr. Speaker, this bill aims at having the federal government negotiate with the provinces to ensure their implementation of International Labour Conference Convention 96 concerning fee-charging employment agencies. The federal government would then become a signatory to that convention and the provinces would pass legislation in accordance with the intent of the convention to regulate private employment agencies and to prevent some of them from charging exorbitant fees for the placement of unemployed workers.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!