

The extradition treaty provides for a court process before the suspected or the accused person can be extradited. The standards under which these provisions are being put forward would appear to be somewhat less in terms of the gathering of evidence, investigations and other forms of mutual legal assistance.

The final point I want to make is the following. The Government has agreed that the Schedule to the Act will contain the names of states which are signatories to the treaties. If we had had the opportunity, we would have liked to have moved as well for some means of public disclosure around the power of the Government to enter into informal or temporary agreements for mutual legal assistance for periods of up to six months. This can be done either for areas not specified in the treaty—if a treaty exists—or with a country that has not signed the treaty.

Again, there is the possibility of being able to agree to the request from, let us say, a country in Central America, where there are rather undemocratic regimes, for mutual legal assistance because they feel that there are persons in this country whom they are pursuing because of some political problems in their own country. And the idea that that could be done for six months and possibly renewed thereafter—

Mr. Hnatyshyn: It is not possible.

Mr. Cassidy:—without any public disclosure under Section 6—the Minister says that it is not possible, but I am sure that that is the case. That is a very legitimate question which raises concerns with us.

According to the note that was prepared for the House of Commons in June by the Parliamentary Research Bureau, “the administrative arrangements that would be allowed under Section 6 could be negotiated and executed in total secrecy”. I do not believe that that has changed.

Those are some of the concerns that we have and those are the reasons why we are not prepared to support the Bill. As indicated previously, we will agree to let the Bill go to third reading on division rather than calling a vote.

I would like the Minister of Justice (Mr. Hnatyshyn) or one of his colleagues to stand up and say, at the very least, that Canada had now determined that we are going to take an active role in negotiating those restrictions on Canadians under the McCarran Act, and in reaching for a resolution for the victims of the CIA experiments and that that would be one of the things that the Government would guarantee as part of the package for mutual legal assistance with the United States.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): Is the House ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: Question.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Hnatyshyn moved that Bill C-58, an Act to provide for the implementation of treaties for mutual legal assistance in

criminal matters and to amend the Criminal Code, the Crown Liability Act and the Immigration Act, 1976, be read the third time and do pass.

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

Some Hon. Members: On division.

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

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[*English*]

CRIMINAL CODE, FOOD AND DRUGS ACT AND NARCOTIC CONTROL ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

The House proceeded to the consideration of Bill C-61, an Act to amend the Criminal Code, the Food and Drugs Act and the Narcotic Control Act, as reported (with amendments) from the legislative committee.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): There are 14 motions and amendments on the Order Paper for report stage of Bill C-61, an Act to amend the Criminal Code, the Food and Drugs Act and the Narcotic Control Act.

[*Translation*]

Motions Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13 and 14, standing in the names of the Hon. Member for Burnaby (Mr. Robinson), the Hon. Member for Nickel Belt (Mr. Rodriguez) and the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain (Mrs. Dewar) are the same as the amendments which were moved, debated and negated in committee. Therefore, in accordance with Standing order 114(10), they will not be selected for debate in the House.

[*English*]

Motion No. 5 of the Hon. Member for Burnaby (Mr. Robinson) is similar to an amendment moved at the committee stage, debated and later negated. Although similar, this motion is sufficiently different that it shall be put to the House.

[*Translation*]

Motion No. 10, standing in the name of the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada (Mr. Hnatyshyn), will be debated and voted on separately.

[*English*]

Mr. Cassidy: Madam Speaker, it was agreed that in the absence of the Member for Burnaby (Mr. Robinson) the motion could be moved by the Member for Hamilton Mountain (Ms. Dewar).