

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

[Translation]

**CANADA COUNCIL****GRANT TO STANLEY GRAY**

**Mr. Gérard Laprise (Abitibi):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State.

I should like to ask him whether Mr. Stanley Gray has applied himself for a Canada Council grant, and if he has filled in the requested application form and passed the necessary examinations for obtaining a grant.

**Mr. Speaker:** I think the hon. member is asking a question already asked yesterday, but if he thinks his question is urgent, he could discuss it at the time of adjournment.

**Mr. Laprise:** At ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

**SPORTS****TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—SALE TO U.S. TELEVISION NETWORK**

**Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont):** Mr. Speaker, my question should normally be directed either to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs or the Minister of National Health and Welfare, both of whom I assume were to be present today but are not. Therefore I shall direct this question to the Prime Minister. It is a follow-up to a question asked earlier by the hon. member for Surrey, which I think is an important question inasmuch as hockey is at least—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. When the hon. member asked the question, the question period had expired about a minute previously.

**Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put the question to the Prime Minister and ask him whether he and his colleagues are investigating the matter and considering appropriate action with regard to the possible buying up of one of our national hockey teams by a United States television network.

**Mr. Stanley Haidasz (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, in answer to the hon. member may I say that the entire question of sports is being studied now by a task force of the amateur and professional sports committee of the Department of National Health and Welfare, as well as by the Economic Council of Canada.

**Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, to the parliamentary

[Mr. MacEachen.]

secretary in the absence of the minister. I ask whether the house can be assured that appropriate action will be taken before final negotiations are completed with regard to this sale.

**Mr. Haidasz:** I will take this question as notice, Mr. Speaker, and bring it to the minister's attention as soon as he returns.

**GOVERNMENT ORDERS****CRIMINAL CODE****REPORT STAGE**

The house resumed, from Wednesday, April 16, consideration of Bill C-150, to amend the Criminal Code, the Parole Act, the Penitentiary Act, the Prisons and Reformatories Act, and to make certain consequential amendments to the Combines Investigation Act, the Customs Tariff and the National Defence Act, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs, and the motion of Mr. Woolliams (for Mr. Valade):

That Bill C-150, an act to amend the Criminal Code, the Parole Act, the Penitentiary Act, the Prisons and Reformatories Act and to make certain consequential amendments to the Combines Investigation Act, the Customs Tariff and the National Defence Act, be amended by deleting therefrom clause 7.

**Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants):** Mr. Speaker, like many other members in this chamber I have difficulty with the law that we are now considering and with the amendment that is proposed. I think the present law is, and has been for some time, largely unenforced. I do not know whether it has been unenforceable. The remedy that is proposed, however, seems to go too far in one direction for average Canadians, who after all are entitled to regard the parliamentary attitude toward the Criminal Code as a reflection of what morality should be in Canada. I hope I will be able to flight my way out of my dilemma and make at least a suggestion or two in a brief contribution to this debate.

We have here an attempt to separate the law from personal morality or, as has been stated by the architect of the so-called just society, the state has no place in the nation's bedrooms. That statement has a rather motto-like note ring to it. But I suggest to Your Honour and hon. members that the state does have a place in the nation's bedrooms. It certainly is there in the presence of the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Munro),