

Inquiries of the Ministry

considered at the recent meeting of the committee on uniformity of laws which met in Calgary just prior to the annual convention of the Canadian Bar Association. They gave consideration to the subject and their consideration raised certain further problems which are now being studied in the Department of Justice.

I can assure the hon. member that I am still as interested and concerned over this matter as ever, and as soon as it is possible to reach a decision and make recommendations I will be happy to do so.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): I think you are stalling.

[*Later:*]

CAPITAL AND CORPORAL PUNISHMENT—
FAUTEUX REPORT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East): I would like to address a question to the Minister of Justice. Is the minister in a position to inform the house what action is being taken on the report of the joint committee of the Senate and the House of Commons on capital and corporal punishment and lotteries, and also on the Fauteux report? Will any action be taken this session on the introduction of legislation which comes completely within the jurisdiction of the House of Commons?

Hon. E. D. Fulton (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman's question is rather a lengthy one and, as I recall it, contains three parts. I will try to deal with it as briefly as I can.

As the hon. gentleman knows, there was no opportunity provided at the previous sessions of the house to take into consideration the report of the joint committee on capital and corporal punishment and lotteries, and until that is done it is difficult to say just what will be done by the government in that regard.

With respect to the second part of the question regarding the report of the Fauteux commission, I can tell him that this matter is now receiving the exclusive attention of an officer in my department, with a view to preparing what I might call a working paper which will then form the basis of discussions which it is hoped to hold with the provincial attorneys general.

As to the last part of the hon. gentleman's question, I regret that I do not recall the details. However, I will read it in *Hansard* and give him the answer at the earliest possible opportunity.

[Mr. Fulton.]

Mr. Winch: Well, may I ask a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Is action going to be taken at this session on those sections which come completely within the purview of the House of Commons and the Senate, dealing with such matters as stamps, the retail trade, the give-aways in the retail trade in various other aspects, having regard to all the reports which are now before you?

Mr. Fulton: Mr. Speaker, attention is being given to these matters within the department; but I should say it is our feeling that it would be desirable, before introducing any legislation dealing with any of them, to attempt to reach as unanimous agreement as is possible with the provincial officials concerned, and that there is at the moment not too great a unanimity of view in that field. Therefore we are continuing to explore the matter and are not at this time in a position to introduce legislation.

TRADE

INQUIRY AS TO REPORTED TRADE MISSION TO U.K.

On the orders of the day:

Mr. E. G. Hansell (Macleod): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce based on the report which came from the Prime Minister's office yesterday to the effect that a 50-man mission may be flown to London on November 22 and might stay there for three weeks. Would the government make a statement on this matter and tell the house whether or not this is a government-sponsored mission and who is going to pay for it?

Hon. Gordon Churchill (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Well, Mr. Speaker, a full statement will be made in due course with regard to the proposed trade mission.

NON-STRATEGIC GOODS—EXPORTS TO SOVIET
UNION AND COMMUNIST CHINA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Lucien Cardin (Richelieu-Vercheres): May I direct a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. In the interests of increasing our exports of non-strategic goods, has the government taken any action, such as that taken by the United Kingdom and others members of NATO, to remove the differential between the list of prohibited exports to the Soviet union and that of communist China?

Hon. Gordon Churchill (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, this matter is under review, and when there is anything to announce with regard to government policy, that announcement will be made.