

*Oral Questions*

**Madam Speaker:** Order. Ministers must make an effort to keep their answers a little shorter. It has been going on and on.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

## JUSTIFICATION FOR SYSTEM

**Miss Pat Carney (Vancouver Centre):** Madam Speaker, my supplementary question is also addressed to the same Minister. He seems to live in a naive world.

**Some Hon. Members:** Question.

**Miss Carney:** In fact, the quota in some cases is only 50 per cent of what is needed to carry on a business—

**Some Hon. Members:** Question.

**Miss Carney:**—and these people cannot buy their stock in Canada.

**Madam Speaker:** Order. Hon. Members on the other side are correct. The Hon. Member should now go to the question. When I ask Members to be brief, I mean on both sides.

**Miss Carney:** My question is this: how can the Minister justify a system in which people were allocated their quotas in November and the appeal date was set two months earlier, in September?

**Hon. Gerald Regan (Minister of State (International Trade)):** Madam Speaker, again I thank the Hon. Member for her supplementary question.

**Mr. Andre:** Just answer the question.

**Mr. Regan:** The Hon. Member must remember that her colleague, the Member for Joliette, was among the strongest of voices asking for quotas to be applied. She is inaccurate in her information. There is no appeal period as such, but if the Hon. Member knows of people who are having a particularly difficult problem, while there are only so many that can be distributed, I will be happy to examine or re-examine specific instances for her if she would bring those to my attention.

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## HUMAN RIGHTS

## NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY COMMITMENT TO PASS LEGISLATION AFFECTING HANDICAPPED AND WOMEN

**Mr. Ian Deans (Hamilton Mountain):** Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Justice.

**Mr. Nielsen:** Lots of luck.

**Mr. Deans:** I want to put to the Minister of Justice that it would be a shame to allow petty partisan differences to stand in the way of the passage of the human rights amendments that affect both the disabled and women. The Bill obviously cannot be dealt with unless it is introduced. Will the Minister take it as an article of faith, at least from us, that we will pass

that Bill before Christmas if he brings it in for first reading today?

**Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada):** Madam Speaker, I entirely agree with my hon. friend's view of the importance of this and that it is not a matter for petty partisan politics.

**Mr. Nielsen:** Table it.

**Mr. MacGuigan:** In fact, in our exercise of management of the House, and because of the assurances the Government gave to the Opposition some months ago that they had our legislative program for this session, and so as not to introduce new Bills which will compete with our present legislative program until it is complete, we have said that we cannot use House time in this Session although we can use committee time for further legislation.

**Mr. Nielsen:** Just 20 seconds.

**Mr. MacGuigan:** Because we understood there might be a possibility of unanimous agreement to get this Bill through without House time, only using committee time, we provided copies of the legislation to the Opposition critics to see if we could get that kind of agreement. We have the agreement from the New Democratic Party. Perhaps my hon. friend would care to address that same question to our colleagues in the Conservative benches.

**Mr. Deans:** I am not allowed to ask them questions.

**Mr. Crosbie:** Wait a couple of years.

## REQUEST THAT BILL BE INTRODUCED

**Mr. Ian Deans (Hamilton Mountain):** I want to say to the Minister that, although it is true that the Government provided a list of legislation, that legislation provided to us was not the only legislation with which the Government proposed to deal. In fact it introduced other legislation during that period.

Given that we now know that this Party at least does not intend to cut the incomes of pensioners in this country before Christmas, or at any time, and given that we only have four days left before Christmas recess and there appears to be some degree of unanimity with regard to the human rights amendments, will the Minister introduce the Bill? We will give our commitment that it can go to the Committee quickly and we will give a further commitment that the Bill will be passed by Christmas.

**Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada):** Madam Speaker, I appreciate that the Hon. Member is unable to ask the question of those who should be answering it, because of the rules of the House.

**Mr. Crosbie:** Table the Bill.