

Parole and Penitentiary Acts

of those Members who might be listening and to the masses who you say are listening to me, Mr. Speaker, that at one time the Hon. Member for Scarborough West was my professor of Christian ethics. That is either a statement about the infinite flexibility of Christian ethics, or about either one of us, that we can so radically disagree about the argument made by the Hon. Member that we should make sure that our own economy is in perfect order before agreeing to the goals set out in the motion by the Hon. Member for Cowichan—Malahat—The Islands.

I am reminded of a scripture: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and its justice and everything else will be added on to you." We should be seeking to do justice in the international economic order and seeking to do justice with respect to what we know is needed in the developing countries in the belief that in the long run it will result in economic benefits as well. It is only through building up the global economy and improving the economies of the developing countries that we will achieve the kind of global community, both economically and political-ly, that we are looking for.

When the Tories talk about unproductive spending abroad, one can clearly see their long-standing paranoia that someone in the Third World might be getting something for nothing and money may not be spent as productively as possible. It is that kind of argument we have heard from the Conservatives over the years about CIDA and other development projects. It is a totally unworthy argument because no one advocates spending money wastefully or non-productively. I suggest that using the excuse that waste has occurred on occasion as a reason for opposing the objectives in the Hon. Member's motion is totally unacceptable.

The Hon. Member's point about military spending was well taken. Much of the wealth in the entire world is spent in this terribly wasteful way. However, the Hon. Member would have been more credible if he or his Party criticized the way in which the arm's race in the Third World is fueled by the arm's race between the superpowers and the wars by proxy which they like to fight against each other in various parts of the world. If he said that as a result of his view of military spending he was encouraging the Government to use its relationship with the United States of America to ask that country to stop contributing to the very military spending that he was deploring, I would have been more supportive. However, he did not do that. In my opinion, there were many flaws in the argument presented by my former teacher. I hope he will have an opportunity to reflect on what I have said.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): There is still one minute remaining. I will recognize the Hon. Member for Oxford (Mr. Halliday).

Mr. Bruce Halliday (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I want to make only one comment on the motion. I congratulate the Hon. Member for Cowichan—Malahat—The Islands (Mr. Manly) for bringing forward this motion. I believe the majority of

Members of the House as well as most Canadians support his goal.

However, I was somewhat disappointed that he would suggest that we lack leadership in this country. I remind him of what happened in the United Nations some three weeks ago when a former leader of his own Party scored a real coup. Mr. Lewis, our Ambassador to the United Nations, scored a real coup in having 158 countries approve a development plan for Africa.

I was rather disappointed that the Hon. Member would not recognize that as leadership by the Government in having appointed him as our permanent Ambassador to the United Nations.

[Translation]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Order, please. The hour provided for Private Members' Business has now expired.

Pursuant to Standing Order 36(2), the order is dropped to the bottom of the order of precedence on the *Order Paper*.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

PAROLE ACT AND PENITENTIARY ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

The House resumed consideration of Bill C-67, An Act to amend the Parole Act and the Penitentiary Act, as reported (with amendments) from a legislative committee; and Motion No. 14 (Mr. Robinson) (p. 14564).

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Is the House ready for the question? The Hon. Member for Burnaby (Mr. Robinson) has 30 seconds to finish his debate.

Mr. Robinson: Mr. Speaker, at the time I was interrupted by this historic debate, I was concluding my discussion of the interim report that was tabled in the Senate. I was pointing out that the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee had unanimously recommended certain changes. For the benefit of thousands of Canadians watching this debate with rapt attention, we are dealing with legislation concerning mandatory supervision. Of course, the Government House Leader will have a particular interest in the position that is taken by Tory Senators in view of his antecedents, and the good Senators, both Tory and Liberal, propose that regulations affecting personal rights and liberties be part of the legislation and not part of regulations and that the same should apply to information communicated to the inmates. Finally, they propose parliamentary review in three years and a sunset clause in five years.

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The Government has ignored each and every one of these recommendations. I would hope that the Government would be