

It is unthinkable that anyone aspiring to be Prime Minister of this country could forget that Prince Edward Island is where the nation was born, where Confederation was planned, and where the table still stands to commemorate that great event. This great Tory now suggests that the province have no provincial government. In fact, he is probably even suggesting that it be towed out to sea and sunk, just like another Tory suggested should happen to Newfoundland. Yet another Tory from British Columbia by the name of Dr. Stan Wilbee has also suggested that Prince Edward Island should cease to have any provincial government.

The fact that such people, who are aspiring to lead the government of this country, are, at the same time, making statements like that concerning one of their sister provinces is beyond the comprehension of Prince Edward Islanders. I am telling you that if this gentleman comes to Prince Edward Island, and if I have an opportunity to see him, I will let him know firsthand what I think of his statements about my province.

I want all of my colleagues on the other side to know and to remember that, when they are arranging to pick a new leader for their party, I am asking them to forget the man who wants to destroy Prince Edward Island, Garth Turner.

#### QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE

**Hon. Philippe Deane Gigantès:** On a question of privilege, honourable senators, I do not want to be associated in any way with the remark of Senator Barootes in which he tried to connect the Minister of Defence with the Greek war of liberation. There may be Greeks who are sufficiently out of their minds to support a Tory, but I am not one of them.

**The Hon. the Speaker *pro tempore*:** I should point out that if the honourable senator wishes to pursue a point of privilege, the time to do so is after Routine Proceedings.

[Translation]

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

### STATUTE LAW AMENDMENT PROPOSALS

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE PRESENTED

**Hon. Gérald-A. Beaudoin,** Chairman of the Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs, presented the following report:

Thursday, March 25, 1993

The Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional affairs has the honour to present its

#### TWENTY-EIGHTH REPORT

Your Committee, to which was referred the document entitled "Proposals to correct certain anomalies, inconsis-

tencies, archaisms and errors in the Statutes of Canada, to deal with other matters of a non-controversial and uncomplicated nature in those Statutes and to repeal certain provisions of those Statutes that have expired or lapsed or otherwise ceased to have effect" ("the Proposals"), has, in obedience to the Order of Reference of Thursday, March 4, 1993, examined said Proposals and now reports the same with the following comments.

The Proposals for a Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment Act are published by the Department of Justice and studied by the House of Commons Standing Committee on Justice and the Solicitor General and your Committee prior to a bill being published or introduced. If any member of either Committee objects to a particular proposal, it is withdrawn.

Members of your Committee objected to only one provision. Clause 70(3) is an amendment to the Federal Court Act, and would add assessors under the Emergency Act and assessors under the Energy Supplies Emergency Act to section 28(1) of the Federal Court Act, as tribunals whose decisions are reviewed directly by the Federal Court of Appeal rather than the Trial Division. Members of your Committee feel that the issue of which tribunals can bypass the Trial Division on appeal is potentially controversial and should not be dealt with by this process.

Your Committee would like to note that they in no way disagreed with the policy underlying Clause 70(3). They felt, however, that the Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment process was not the appropriate mechanism for such a substantive amendment requiring a policy decision. However, consistent with this Committee's report on the previous set of Proposals, dated February 28, 1991, your Committee would like to suggest that a process similar to the Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment process be introduced to take care of a limited number of amendments to various statutes that are more substantive than those contained in these Proposals, but which could be dealt with in a more expeditious manner than waiting for the revision of a statute.

Finally, your Committee would like to commend the Department of Justice for implementing recommendations made by your Committee in our report on the previous set of proposals. The use of Schedules has been not only reduced but eliminated, and the explanatory notes give more information. These changes are crucial to the ability of your Committee to properly assess the nature of these Proposals.

Respectfully submitted,

Gérald-A. Beaudoin  
Chairman

[ Senator Bonnell ]