

Routine Proceedings

Mr. James: Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to introduce a private member's bill which will amend the Young Offenders Act and the Criminal Code in consequence thereof.

A good number of residents in my riding of Sarnia—Lambton, local law enforcement officials and members of the judiciary have expressed concerns and suggestions with respect to the Young Offenders Act.

In response the purpose of this bill is fourfold. First, it defines a young person as someone being between the ages of 10 and 16.

Second, it will instruct a judge to give primary consideration to the protection of society when considering a transfer to adult court for repeat young offenders and those charged with a violent offence.

Third, the bill will ensure that any young person who is found to experience a destructive home environment and who is convicted is directed to proper rehabilitation facilities.

Finally, it will make the criminal record of an offender available to the offender's school principal.

It is with great pleasure that I rise today to introduce these amendments on behalf of my constituents of Sarnia—Lambton.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Mr. James moves that the bill be now read the first time and printed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 69(1), the motion is deemed adopted.

Bill read the first time and printed.

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CROWN PROPERTY LIENS ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-454, an act to make Crown land subject to provincial mechanics' or builders' liens legislation.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Pursuant to Standing Order 68(2), the motion is deemed adopted.

[*English*]

Mr. Boudria: Madam Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to give subcontractors working on or supplying materi-

als to federal Crown property the protection of provincial builders or mechanics lien legislation by allowing liens on federal Crown property and obliging the federal Crown to make the required hold-back of payments to the main contractor in order to ensure that subcontractors are paid.

Over recent years many subcontractors on federal government projects have been left holding the bag when main contractors have gone bankrupt. This is very unfortunate and I believe that small and medium-sized businesses in the construction area require this kind of protection.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Mr. Boudria moves that the bill be now read the first time and printed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 69(1), the motion is deemed adopted.

Bill read the first time and printed.

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HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. Rex Crawford (Kent) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-455, an act to amend the Hazardous Products Act.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Pursuant to Standing Order 68(2), the motion is deemed adopted.

Mr. Crawford: Madam Speaker, I rise on behalf of two of my constituents, Maria and Robert Weese of Wallaceburg, Ontario, who tragically lost a son in an accident when a portable soccer net blew over.

This private member's bill is an act to amend the Hazardous Products Act and comes on the heels of the coroner's jury recommendations of the Wallaceburg case.

The bill would require that all soccer goals, hand ball goals and field hockey goals for recreational or school use be fixed to the ground. There are many other cases where nets have blown down and youngsters have been injured or even killed in both Canada and the United States.

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I commend the Weese family for working to prevent other possible tragedies. I am proud and honoured as their member of Parliament to present this private member's bill today.