

*Criminal Code*

[Translation]

**EDUCATION****FRENCH LANGUAGE NORMAL SCHOOL IN WESTERN PROVINCES**

**Mr. Ed Schreyer (Selkirk):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Secretary of State with regard to the possibility of setting up a French language normal school in the four western provinces.

Does the federal government have a policy through which the provinces might be helped to achieve that goal?

**Mr. Speaker:** I suggest to the hon. member and the minister that it might be interesting to discuss that matter at the time of adjournment.

**Mr. Schreyer:** Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

**FLOODS****SUPPLYING OF SANDBAGS BY E.M.O.**

**Mr. Craig Stewart (Marquette):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Defence. In light of the statement of the premier of Saskatchewan that he did not know where the community of Lumsden could look for more sandbags after the use of those now being brought in, will the minister confirm that the Emergency Measures Organization has arranged for sufficient sandbags to meet the flood crises in Saskatchewan?

**Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence):** First of all, I do not think we have experienced any shortage yet. There was some anxiety about it, but we have located stocks of which use can be made if required.

● (3:20 p.m.)

**GOVERNMENT ORDERS****CRIMINAL CODE****REPORT STAGE**

The house proceeded to the consideration of Bill C-150, to amend the Criminal Code, the Parole Act, the Penitentiary Act, the Prisons and Reformatories Act, and to make certain consequential amendments to the Combines Investigation Act, the Customs Tariff and the National Defence Act, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

[Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond).]

**Mr. Woolliams:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. In view of the discussion which took place among the various leaders of the house I wonder if you would mind advising us what the decision of the Chair might be as far as the amendments are concerned, and in what manner we are to proceed?

**Mr. Speaker:** Since there is no agreement amongst hon. members, there is no alternative but to consider the amendments seriatim beginning with No. 1. Perhaps the Chair might indicate that, in my view, it would be reasonable not to have individual votes after the consideration of each amendment. My suggestion to hon. members would be that we might go through one series of amendments—I was thinking we might consider all the amendments up to the amendments dealing with abortion—and that the house might then be disposed to vote on all the amendments which have been accepted by the Chair and discussed by the house. In other words, we would consider the several subjects concerned with the amendments extended from No. 1 to No. 11. This is my suggestion, and I hope hon. members will be prepared to accept it.

**Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West):** It appears to me, Mr. Speaker, from reading a number of these amendments, that they are of the same nature. I think—indeed, I know it to be a fact—that Your Honour is empowered by the rules to accept, reject, merge or consolidate any amendments put forward. There may be one or two amendments which Your Honour might consider to be altogether out of order. Perhaps the house could be guided by Your Honour's rulings.

**Mr. Speaker:** If it is the wish of the house, I might indicate to hon. members some of the amendments which at first blush appear to be out of order and on which the Chair would be prepared to hear argument. It might complicate discussion if, for example, we were to consider amendments 1 to 4 while some hon. members who might be interested in amendment No. 5, wait for that amendment to be called only to be told by the Chair that it is out of order and cannot be put to the house.

It might, therefore, be more convenient if hon. members were notified in advance whether or not an amendment, say, between Nos. 1 and 11 would actually be put to the house. If this suggestion is satisfactory to hon. members I would be prepared to indicate some of the amendments which in my view cannot be put to the house because they are not acceptable procedurally.

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.