

Oral Questions

● (1520)

[English]

CRIMINAL CODE

BAN SOUGHT FOR NUDE DANCING IN BRAMPTON, ONT.

Mr. W. Kenneth Robinson (Etobicoke-Lakeshore): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Justice. In view of the fact that Brampton, Ontario, the home of Premier William Davis, has a tarnished image as a family community due to the proliferation of so-called "adult entertainment parlours" where even G-strings are not required by the "lewd nude dancers", will the Minister introduce provisions in the Criminal Code amendments allowing municipalities to pass G-string by-laws and close down these anti-family establishments now in existence which serve only the strip club mentality?

Mr. McDermid: Tell him they passed the by-law last week, Mark.

Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, with the co-operation of the House, I hope to give first reading to a Bill this afternoon which will deal with a more effective definition of pornography in our law, enabling us to get especially at the new kind of pornography. The kind of problem to which my friend refers sounds like a rather older problem, and I suspect that it is more adequately handled by the Government of Ontario if it is disposed to do so.

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NATIONAL REVENUE

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE AUDITORS—QUOTA INQUIRY

Hon. Perrin Beatty (Wellington-Dufferin-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, at the outset I want to thank the Minister of National Revenue for staying. I understand he had another appointment, but he was good enough to stay for my question.

The Minister has conceded that auditors within the taxation side of his Department have had quotas put upon them. Since he has been Minister, have auditors on the other side of his Department, in customs and excise, been forced to work under quotas?

[Translation]

Hon. Pierre Bussières (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, I shall, if I may, correct the preamble to the Hon. Member's question. I have made it quite clear that there was no policy on the Taxation side of my Department to have quotas put on the auditors, to use the Hon. Member's expression. As I said before, there may have been a few unfortunate occurrences in certain sections, but the Department's policy had been restated, and that policy is that no quotas are set for audit operations. On the Excise Tax side of the Department, the procedure is the same: there are no such quotas.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: A short supplementary, the Hon. Member for Skeena.

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FISHERIES

COMMON PROPERTY FISHING—GOVERNMENT POLICY

Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, my final supplementary question is directed to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans. There is a sneaking suspicion among fishermen on the West Coast that the sum total of Liberal government policy on fish is the "Salmon Arm salute". However, my final supplementary question relates to the quote I gave to the Minister, and I will read it to him again:

The days of common property fishing are over.

Mr. Speaker: Will the Hon. Member please state his supplementary question? Reading of documents in supplementaries is not strictly according to the rules.

Mr. Fulton: I hope the Minister will answer my final supplementary question.

Some Hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Fulton: Is the common property statement in this document correct? Is it his view? If it is not his view, will he assure the House that whoever wrote it and had it distributed will be fired?

Hon. Pierre De Bané (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans): Mr. Speaker, I will be announcing shortly initiatives by the Government regarding the Pacific fishery. On the other hand, I find the Hon. Member ignorant about what is common property and the consequences of common property. That topic has been studied to death, for instance, on the Atlantic coast, by people on the union side and on the fishermen's side—by all the participants.

Common property is certainly an element which fuels speculation, which fuels over-investment, and which fuels irrational lottery and races among fishermen. It has a lot of downside aspects to it, so please do not make a big fuss about something which has been studied to death by many experts a lot more knowledgeable than the Hon. Member for Skeena.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

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PETITION

MR. WENMAN—TAXATION OF SMALL FARM BUILDINGS

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that the petition presented by the Hon. Member for Fraser Valley West (Mr. Wenman) meets the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.