

which we might have to consider and, if he has such a proposition which involves additional hours of sitting, will he be able to inform the House what we shall be doing on those days during those hours?

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, I share the optimism of my colleague, the House leader of the official opposition, and hope he is right in assuming we shall get unanimous consent to the motion I shall be bringing before the House today which will declare June 30 and July 7 days upon which we do not sit and establish additional hours to make up for that time. I can say it is my intention on the evening of next Wednesday and during the additional hours on Thursday, to call Bill C-8.

**Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich):** I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker, relating to a supplementary answer given by the Acting Prime Minister. I got the impression that the hon. gentleman had introduced the nuclear explosion tactic in order to divert the attention of the House from the whaling situation about which I had just asked a question. I am surprised that the Acting Prime Minister should have given such an offhand answer, because I am sure that a matter of this importance would have been dealt with in cabinet. For the Acting Prime Minister to say he would check to ascertain what stand Canada took on the matter came as a surprise to me. The supplementary question I had intended to ask was this. Has a decision been reached in cabinet to take a stand at the whaling conference and, if so, what is it?

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, the stand which was taken in cabinet on the whaling conference was that instructions be given to the Canadian delegation to endeavour, as it has in the past, to ensure that the International Whaling Commission adopts adequate conservation measures for whales.

**Mr. Stanfield:** That is almost as strong as your nuclear position.

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### CRIMINAL CODE

#### MEASURE TO PROHIBIT USE OF LEG-HOLD SNARES AND OTHER INHUMANE TRAPS

**Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-396, to amend the Criminal Code (humane traps).

He said: The purpose of this amendment is to prohibit the use of leg-hold snares and other inhumane types of trap where a practical alternative is now available or becomes available in the future, to promote the eventual phasing-out of such traps, and to encourage the correct setting of traps meant to cause instantaneous death.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

### Order Paper Questions

#### BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

##### NON-SITTING DAYS AND EXTENDED HOURS BEFORE SUMMER RECESS

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council)** moved:

That the House shall not sit on June 30, 1975, and July 7, 1975;

That the House shall sit for the consideration of government bills for the following additional hours:

July 2, 1975—8.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

July 3, 1975—11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

July 8, 1975—11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

July 10, 1975—11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

And; that, for the purposes of any order made pursuant to Standing Order 75A, the aggregate of four of the aforementioned additional hours shall be deemed to constitute one sitting day;

Provided that proceedings pursuant to Standing Orders 15(2) and 40 shall be taken up on any of the aforementioned days at the times prescribed by the said Standing Orders.

Motion agreed to.

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#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

**Mr. Speaker:** I have the honour to inform the House that a message has been received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate unites with the House of Commons in the appointment of a special joint committee to review and report upon matters bearing upon the development of the national capital region and improving the programs and operations of the National Capital Commission, and that certain honourable senators have been appointed to act on the said committee.

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#### MISCELLANEOUS PRIVATE BILLS AND STANDING ORDERS

##### REFERENCE OF PETITION AND ELEVENTH REPORT OF CLERK OF PETITIONS TO STANDING COMMITTEE

**Mr. Gérard Loiselle (Saint-Henri)** moved:

That the petition of Richard Fritz and Marianne Strass, filed after the time limit specified under Standing Order 90, be referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills and Standing Orders, together with the eleventh report of the Clerk of Petitions thereon presented to the House on Wednesday, June 25, 1975, for any recommendations the committee deems advisable.

Motion agreed to.

#### QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, the following