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the Minister of Justice on this matter, which is the position of the Government.

[English]

**Mr. Robinson:** I have one other question if I may. Mr. Speaker. At the present time, Canadian Forces Administrative Order 1920 remains in effect, as I understand it, within the Armed Forces and requires any individual who is homosexual to lose this job automatically.

The Government has said it will take all steps necessary to implement fully equality within the Armed Forces, the RCMP and at all other levels of federal jurisdiction. Is it the intent of the Government to repeal immediately this Canadian Forces administrative order?

**Mr. Cadieux:** Mr. Speaker, on that particular point, I think it was clearly indicated in the House that the Government would do what it has to do in accordance with certain criteria that will be implemented as soon as possible.

**Mrs. Finestone:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the Hon. Member for Vaudreuil (Mr. Cadieux) for participating in today's debate. It is most regrettable that the Tory Members of the committee, both the Chairman and its members, are not here. I would sincerely hope they are away on government business and are not avoiding being present to respond to their own Bill.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Cadieux:** Mr. Speaker, I have a point of order. I think it is quite improper to refer to the presence or absence of Hon. Members in this House.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The Chair does not believe that the Hon. Member for Mount Royal (Mrs. Finestone) specifically referred by name or by constituency to any particular Member.

**Mrs. Finestone:** Mr. Speaker, I am sorry if I broke a rule of the House. It was a general observation meant with some degree of regret.

Has the Hon. Member for Vaudreuil any idea whether the revisions to the Canadian Human Rights Act, which were recommended in our report, are in process, and where are they in the government bureaucracy with respect to the justice process? Does the Member have some indication, as he is an active member of that committee, when we might expect some kind of report, which would include the strong recommendations of the Chairman of that Human Rights Committee?

**Mr. Cadieux:** Mr. Speaker, with respect to the reference to Conservative Members on that committee, I am sure that, should they be absent from the House, they have a good and valid reason.

With respect to the specific question of the Hon. Member, I think the Government has an excellent record as far as putting Bills through this House with respect to justice is concerned.

Yes, I am a member of that committee. I am sure that we will do whatever has to be done as quickly as possible.

**Mrs. Finestone:** Mr. Speaker, I was a member of that committee and I recognize that Members worked very hard and very diligently. It was a pleasure to work co-operatively on that committee.

But my question was more specific: Does the Hon. Member have some indication of a time line? That is all.

**Mr. Cadieux:** Mr. Speaker, as I mentioned in my speech a little earlier, we do intend to amend that law and quite a few other laws that apply to this question.

The committee referred to about 30 to 40 other laws which had certain paragraphs or articles with respect to this subject. It takes a little time to look into everything but it will be done as soon as possible.

**Mr. Attewell:** Mr. Speaker, we tend, when we are looking for equality for all, to think that there are truly various disadvantaged people. Just this past Monday I had appointments with two people in my office. One was a woman, 61 years of age who was divorced a few years ago. She contracted cancer which is in remission now. She is a woman with good energy, attractive and has good abilities but really feels discriminated against. Time and time again an employment officer jokes about what she is going to do about her gray hair and this type of thing. She was divorced when the divorce laws were not as good as we now see them in terms of payments and support. She is working aggressively at attempting to find a job. What does the Member suggest she might do?

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I also saw a 34-year old married man who was going to night school in an attempt to improve his job opportunities. He has applied to dozens and dozens of employers without success. He suggested that there may be too much emphasis put on some of the other sectors while there is a great deal of hardship for people of his age, which is also the problem of that married woman. What would my hon. colleague suggest to them?

**Mr. Cadieux:** Mr. Speaker, the question was with regard to two specific cases. As a practising lawyer before I came to this House, I had experience with cases in which divorcees had various problems, including employment. I am sure that with all the legislation put forward by the Government since 1984, and with the 580,000 jobs which have been created, jobs will be found for those individuals as well. We are doing everything in our power to facilitate that.

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. You may recall that earlier this afternoon the Hon. Member for Swift Current-Maple Creek (Mr. Wilson) raised an issue with regard to the pricing of domestic wheat and its products, particularly those raised in western Canada. At that time the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans) indicated that he had a suggestion with respect to the wording of the