

of that we do think the matter will come to a vote tomorrow for second reading in order that adequate time will be available for the committee to study the matter.

Mr. Pinard: Madam Speaker, I would like to know from the Hon. Member whether he has the same views on Bill C-133. If so, we could send it to committee next Tuesday.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Deans: Madam Speaker, I did not anticipate that I would be asked a question. Could I have it repeated?

Mr. Pinard: Madam Speaker, are the dispositions of the Hon. Member the same in so far as Bill C-133 is concerned, and that after a reasonable length of time the Bill be sent to committee as soon as possible so that witnesses can be heard?

Mr. Deans: Madam Speaker, in response to that specific question, there is no doubt in my mind that after a reasonable length of time that Bill will be disposed of and sent to committee. There is no doubt in my mind that that Bill contains matters that are very detrimental to retired civil servants in this country, and there is also no doubt in my mind that it will be in committee for a prolonged period of time in order that those people's views can be heard.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

PETITIONS

MR. GREENAWAY—PREVENTION FROM PROFITING FROM CRIME

Mr. Lorne Greenaway (Cariboo-Chilcotin): Madam Speaker, it is my duty to present a petition signed by 2,820 citizens of Cariboo-Chilcotin riding in British Columbia. This is by far the largest petition that I have had the honour to present in the House to date.

The purpose of this petition is to express the strong opposition by the citizens of Cariboo-Chilcotin to the publication of any books and the reaping of any financial gain through the sales of any publication by convicted mass murderer Clifford Olson. The nature of the petition is to urge the House of Commons to examine what measures may be taken to prevent Clifford Olson from further profiting from his heinous and repugnant crimes through the publication of a book.

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The petitioners hope that, in your examination of the petition, you will find the petition in order and that you will exercise the discretionary powers vested in the office of Speaker of the House to refer this matter to the appropriate committee of the House of Commons for full consideration.

Time Allocation

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

ALLOCATION OF TIME TO CONSIDER SECOND READING STAGE
OF BILL C-131

Hon. Monique Bégin (Minister of National Health and Welfare) moved:

That, in relation to Bill C-131, an Act to amend the Old Age Security Act (No. 2), one additional sitting day shall be allotted to the consideration of the second reading stage of the Bill; and

That 15 minutes before the expiry of the time provided for Government business on that day, any proceedings before the House shall be interrupted, if required, for the purpose of this Order and, in turn, every question then necessary in order to dispose of that stage of the Bill shall be put forthwith and successively, without further debate or amendment.

She said: Madam Speaker, some Members of the Opposition have asked why we are moving time allocation on Bill C-131. The Opposition has already debated Bill C-131 on second reading for three solid days and evenings. There have been 23 Opposition speakers who have stood up, 17 Conservatives and 6 NDP. Five speakers rose to speak on the Government side.

Up to this time we have heard a clear intent from the Opposition Parties to vote against the Bill and it was publicly said in some quarters of the House that they will even prevent the vote on second reading.

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): No. Who said that?

Miss Bégin: Have the Opposition been talking to the Bill? If any Members have any new proposal to put forward on this Bill, they will have the chance to do so this afternoon. However, during the entire debate on this Bill we have heard repeated one single speech which was probably prepared by the research bureau of the Conservatives.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Miss Bégin: Those Members were speaking of everything under the sun except Bill C-131. What they did say about Bill C-131, I must say, was filled with misinformation and allegations that were wrong and dangerous. Some Members stated emphatically that our legislation would affect universality. The fact is that universality is being maintained. Other Members have said that we are taking money from the poor. This is false because every pensioner who receives the supplement will have full indexation of both their pension and supplement.

Opposition speakers referred to the deficit, unemployment, Ministers' travel expenses and the Bill on public service pensions which is to be debated later. All of these subjects were lumped together to give people the impression that these Bills, each of which has its own intent, are directed against senior citizens.

I must say that the figures cited by Opposition Members were sadly out of date in many cases and, in fact, incorrect. Therefore, these figures give misleading information to the public about the impact of this Bill.

I repeat that pensioners who receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement will not be affected by this Bill. The majority of pensioners, more than half, receive the supplement and they