

[English]

CRIMINAL CODE

MINIMUM SENTENCE FOR INDICTABLE OFFENCE WHILE ARMED—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Ken Hurlburt (Lethbridge): Mr. Speaker, I rise, pursuant to Standing Order 43, concerning a matter which should be brought before the House, namely, that an amendment unanimously recommended by the western police chiefs be introduced into the Criminal Code so that any person committing an indictable offence while armed with a firearm will be liable to a minimum sentence of two years in prison. This would curb the increasing problem of offences committed by armed persons and will help solve an increasing western problem, cattle rustling. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Red Deer (Mr. Towers):

That this matter be referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs for study and report to the House.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member's motion requires unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity. Is the hon. member rising on the same motion?

Mr. Hurlburt: No, Sir. I have another motion.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Lethbridge.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT RESPECTING HORSES SHIPPED TO EUROPE FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Ken Hurlburt (Lethbridge): Mr. Speaker, I rise pursuant to Standing Order 43 concerning a matter of urgent necessity arising from public concern about the shipping of live horses from Canada to European markets for human consumption. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Perth-Wilmot (Mr. Jarvis):

That an amendment be introduced to the Criminal Code stating that all horses shipped to Europe be processed and inspected in Canada before shipping.

This would stop the inhumane shipment of horses to Europe—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member is no longer presenting his motion. He is presenting an argument in support of the motion. I suggest to hon. members that when they propose a motion under Standing Order 43 to the House it should not include argument. Would the hon. member indicate whether that is the motion he wishes to put to the House under the terms of Standing Order 43.

Mr. Hurlburt: Yes, Mr. Speaker. It is illegal for live horses to be sent from the United States to France and I would ask hon. members to give unanimous consent to the said motion.

Government of Yukon

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker: Hon. members have heard the motion. Pursuant to Standing Order 43, this motion requires unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent, therefore, the hon. member's motion cannot be put.

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[English]

INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

CONCURRENCE IN FOURTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

On the order: Motions:

May 28, 1973—Mr. Nielsen:

That the fourth report of the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development, presented to the House on May 22, 1973, be concurred in.

An hon. Member: Stand.

Mr. Speaker: It is suggested that this motion stand. I think I owe it to the House to put hon. members on notice that this motion, referring to a committee report, could perhaps be out of order. I have serious procedural reservations about some of the reports that are coming from committees and the motions presented to the House on the basis of these reports. I believe we may be preparing some future difficulties for the House unless hon. members are prepared very soon to look at this procedure very closely. I mention this to put hon. members on notice and to suggest to them that when this and perhaps other motions of this kind come before the House I will invite procedural advice from hon. members.

Mr. Reid: Mr. Speaker, on the same point of order, I have been concerned about the point Your Honour has raised. It has come to my attention that committee clerks have been advising chairmen that because no ruling has been made by Your Honour on these reports—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member is putting to the House an argument he may want to put to the House for the consideration of the Chair and other hon. members when the matter is brought to the attention of the House. I was not raising it at all by way of a point of order but only for the purpose of putting hon. members on notice. Perhaps at that point the parliamentary secretary and other members, I am sure, would want to give the Chair the benefit of their wisdom, knowledge, experience and advice.