

*Introduction of Bills***CRIME VICTIMS ASSISTANCE ACT**

MEASURE TO ENACT

Mr. Howard Crosby (Halifax West) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-233, an Act to provide assistance for victims of crime.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Crosby: Mr. Speaker, this Bill enacts a new statute called the Crime Victims Assistance Act. Those who are familiar with the administration of justice in Canada will know that there is no recognition or status given in our system to the victims of crime. This legislation will remedy that situation and provide specific remedies for victims of crime. It is the kind of legislation which is long overdue.

It was referred in the last session of the House of Commons to the Committee on Justice for consideration.

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

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MISSING CHILDREN SEARCH ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

Mr. Howard Crosby (Halifax West) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-234, an Act to require assistance in the search for missing children.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Crosby: Mr. Speaker, this Bill would enact the Missing Children Search Act. There are some problems in society about which we can do little. One problem about which we can do much is the subject of missing children. This is one measure to assist in that problem and I hope it receives the favourable consideration of the House.

This Bill in the first session of this Parliament was considered by the special committee which considers Bills and rejected. With the wide interest there is in this Bill across Canada, I think that decision should be considered as the Bill comes again before the committee.

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

JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

Mr. Alan Redway (York East) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-235, an Act to amend the Federal Court Act, the Northwest Territories Act, the Supreme Court Act, the Tax Court of Canada Act and the Yukon Act.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Redway: Mr. Speaker, as you know, under the new rules of the House, all appointments that are made by the federal Government to federal boards and agencies are subject to review by Parliamentary Committee. That right does not apply when the federal Government appoints a judge to a federal court. This Bill would require after the appointment, or upon the appointment of judges by the federal Government, that the appointment be reviewed by a Parliamentary Committee.

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

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SOCIAL INSURANCE NUMBER ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

Mr. Reginald Stackhouse (Scarborough West) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-236, an Act respecting the use of Social Insurance numbers.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Stackhouse: Mr. Speaker, the objective of this proposed legislation is to protect the privacy and freedom of the individual. Increasingly, the Social Insurance number has been employed as a kind of national identifier. It has been used by landlords, merchants, banks, credit agencies and insurance companies in a way which involves the potential invasion of the privacy of the individual, opening up to institutions and agencies information which should not be publicly available.

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The intent of this Bill is to restrict the requirement of the Social Insurance Number only to those activities that are covered by Acts of Parliament and require the use of that number, which was the original intent of the SIN. My Bill would restore that practice.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the Bill?