

Canada Development Corporation

government to get into fields which are better handled by the businessmen or even left alone altogether. For example, it is quite acceptable for the National Film Board to produce documentaries aimed at encouraging tourism in this country, but by what right does the government use public funds to produce nudie flicks and the film called "Neighbours"? It has no more right to do this than it has to start producing dresses for sale.

It should be apparent that, if a project is any good at all, the funds will be forthcoming from the private citizens. Whenever it is necessary to force funds into the project from taxation dollars, it invites the supposition that the project is not viable and is therefore undertaken for one of the following reasons: First, although uneconomic in itself, it is necessary for the over-all requirements of Canada; second, it is being undertaken as a give away by the government as a means of ingratiating itself with sectors of the voting public. The former is fully justified and should be in the form of a non-profit operation designed only to carry out the specific task and not to emerge as a full-blown business enterprise. The latter, under the present government, seems to be unavoidable but still remains unacceptable to the Canadians whose tax dollars are being misused in this way. In brief, the public's money should never be used to bolster competition against the taxpayer himself.

If this policy is not followed, we have the situation, already existing, where the Canadian taxpayer is being forced to supply the capital from his taxes for competing enterprises. It is not unknown for Crown corporations to fail. The unfortunate taxpayers are again required to dip into their pocket to bail them out, knowing full well that they could have made a better job of these enterprises themselves. Clause 2 reads:

The purpose of this act is to establish a corporation that will help develop and maintain strong Canadian controlled and managed corporations in the private sector of the economy and will give Canadians greater opportunities to invest and participate in the economic development of Canada.

The concept of the CDC is sound, provided that it does not compete with the business people of Canada.

Mr. O'Connell: Mr. Speaker, would the hon. member permit a question?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Paproski: Not in the time I have left now, Mr. Speaker.

The Corporation must not be used as a dumping ground for existing government failures. There will be a tendency, during the clamour and glamour of creating this corporate Sir Galahad who will defend our shares against the invasions of tarnished, blood-sucking, identity-destroying, but badly needed, foreign capital, to slide a couple of the government's duds under the blotter and to hope that they will go unnoticed.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Paproski: This must not be allowed to happen, and all the many rules and requirements demanded by the
[Mr. Paproski.]

Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs (Mr. Basford) regarding full disclosure by other corporations must apply in their entirety to the CDC. A full scale prospectus must be issued, not only for the purpose of inviting subscription for shares of the corporation but also to let the people of Canada know where the extra money is going to come from, if the capital subscribed is not sufficient to carry out its plans or if the corporation becomes solvent. Again, if government guarantees are contemplated the nature must be fully explained and a statement given as to what government guarantees will be available to other private corporations in similar circumstances.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: The hon. member for Hillsborough (Mr. Macquarrie)—Trade—Development of US markets for Atlantic provinces, products—transportation facilities; the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mrs. MacInnis)—Administration of Justice—federal intervention in action brought by teachers respecting British Columbia Order in Council; the hon. member for Portneuf (Mr. Godin)—Income Tax—new assessments for 1968 and 1969.

It being five o'clock, the House will now proceed to the consideration of Private Members' business as listed on today's Order Paper, namely, public bills, private bills and notices of motions.

● (5:00 p.m.)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

CRIMINAL CODE

AMENDMENT RESPECTING MALTREATMENT OF CHILDREN

Mr. R. R. Southam (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain) moved that Bill C-28, to amend the Criminal Code (Battered Child) be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

He said: Mr. Speaker, I wish to rise in my place this afternoon to support the principle outlined in my private members' bill, C-28. At this time, Mr. Speaker, may I take the opportunity of personally thanking the seconder, the hon. member for Dauphin (Mr. Ritchie), who is a physician and who fully appreciates the importance of this bill. In view of the importance of this bill, and for