

Oral Questions

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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HUMAN RIGHTS**REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT OF FEDERAL BILL CONCERNING
YOUNG OFFENDERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43**

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43.

Whereas the Supreme Court of Canada's decision with respect to Quebec Bill 24, the Youth Protection Act, takes away the basic rights of young Quebecers, and whereas this decision undermines the fundamental principles of this progressive piece of Quebec legislation, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Saskatoon-East (Mr. Ogle):

That the Solicitor General of Canada immediately announce his intention of amending the provisions of the federal bill respecting young offenders so as to restore and observe the principles of Bill 24, not only for the sake of young Quebecers but for all young Canadians.

Madam Speaker: Order, please. This motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

need to do nothing in response to various requests Canada has made to them about acid rain, the east coast boundary and fisheries dispute, the northern pipeline and the like.

Will the minister now make it clear, particularly for his junior colleague from Windsor, whether the government is going forward with the changes proposed by the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce which would expand the powers of FIRA? Has the government decided to initiate any changes in the new economic policy that might improve the atmosphere with the United States and encourage them to meet our requests in these other areas?

Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Madam Speaker, since the hon. member has today asked his first question in the area of his new responsibilities, perhaps inspired by press reports, I think I should congratulate him on the new duties he has assumed. He may need my congratulations.

Mr. Clark: No wonder Pierre Trudeau travels.

Mr. MacGuigan: With regard to the preamble to the hon. member's question, Canada has no reason to be concerned about any kind of challenge which any government, including that of the United States, may bring to our actions in international bodies. We have not taken any actions which are inconsistent with our international responsibilities. We are prepared to have them challenged and will successfully defend them at any time. The hon. member will have to wait for the budget to get some of the answers to his questions. However, I can tell him that the matters about which he inquires are presently under review.

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TRADE**QUERY RESPECTING GOVERNMENT POLICY**

Hon. John C. Crosbie (St. John's West): Madam Speaker, my supplementary is directed to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. The Minister of Finance made a speech in Calgary several days ago. He said his budget will not aim to Canadianize the industrial and trading sectors the way the oil industry is being Canadianized by the NEP. He stated that "the private sector has the principal role for economic development". Will the minister confirm to this House that the new industrial and trading policy he has been working on will not discriminate against the foreign or even the domestic Canadian investor as the NEP did? Will he confirm there will be no further federal intervention in the economy by the expansion of Crown corporation activities, PetroCan, or whatever? In other words, will he confirm that he has come to his senses, and drop the piffle he was speaking a few months ago?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Madam Speaker, the National Energy Program document that was tabled at the time of the last budget said that the government did not envisage expanding the minimum

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**THREAT OF RETALIATORY ACTION BY UNITED STATES IN
RESPONSE TO CANADIAN LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS**

Hon. John C. Crosbie (St. John's West): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Crosbie: I hope the minister will be as cheerful. On October 28 Marc Leland, the U.S. Assistant Treasury Secretary, said before a Senate subcommittee that the United States administration intends to pressure Ottawa before GATT, the OECD, the IMF, the World Bank and, if necessary, to invoke special presidential powers under the U.S. Trade Act in response to Canadian measures that adversely affect U.S. interests and undermine the international trade and investment climate. The minister will also know that the United States