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because I do not travel in the United States. I live in Canada and I must say that I was one of the first women to side with the feminist groups and state quite simply that they are unacceptable and that we will not play that dirty trick on our daughters and on Canadian women.

As for underaged prostitutes, I can tell Hon. Members that we are still waiting for the Provincial Governments to take action because within the purview of Bill C-61, they continue to negotiate most shamefully. They could sign agreements with the Federal Government to enable us to implement Bill C-61 respecting young offenders specifically to solve the problem caused by juvenile delinquents under age 18. That, Mr. Speaker, is another suggestion I made to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs. I think that a criminal offence by a client, man or woman, seeking to corrupt a child sexually should be jailed for at least five years.

Mr. Kilgour: Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to speak to the motion of my colleague—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. Are there any other Hon. Members who wish to ask questions?

● (1630)

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[*English*]

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 45, 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. McMillan)—Canadian National Railways—Transfer of heavy freight operations from Prince Edward Island to New Brunswick, (b) Request that Minister investigate transfer; the Hon. Member for Calgary West (Mr. Hawkes)—Health—Canadian Medical Association task force—request that Government co-operate, (b) Funding for health care system; the Hon. Member for Comox-Powell River (Mr. Skelly)—Energy—Price of natural gas exported to United States, (b) Linkage to price of oil.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[*Translation*]

BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

ALLOTTED DAY, S.O. 62—EQUALITY FOR WOMEN

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Miss MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands):

That this House condemns the Government for the apathy that it has shown toward issues affecting Canadian women and for its failure to promote equality

for women, and its inaction with respect to pension reform for women, and its tacit approval of sexual stereotyping and abusive material in the media, as demonstrated by the Government's unwillingness to prevent pornographic films from being shown on pay television, and its lack of commitment to its own affirmative action programme within the public service, and calls upon the Government to immediately establish a standing committee of Parliament empowered to deal with issues that have a particular impact upon women and to review the progress, or lack thereof, made by the Government with respect to such issues.

Mr. David Kilgour (Edmonton-Strathcona): Mr. Speaker, I think I will start over again. I am pleased to speak to the motion introduced by my colleague from Kingston and The Islands (Miss MacDonald). Since you did not read the motion in French a moment ago, perhaps you will allow me to do so rapidly:

Que la Chambre blâme le gouvernement d'avoir fait preuve d'apathie à l'égard des questions qui affectent les Canadiennes, de ne pas avoir assuré la promotion de l'égalité des femmes, de n'avoir rien fait au sujet de la réforme des pensions pour les femmes, d'approuver tacitement les stéréotypes sexuels et les abus auxquels se livrent les médias, comme le prouve le fait qu'il ne veuille pas empêcher la télédiffusion de films pornographiques à la télévision à péage, de ne pas donner suite à son propre programme d'action positive à l'intérieur de la Fonction publique, et qu'elle exhorte le gouvernement à créer sur-le-champ un comité permanent du Parlement qui aurait le pouvoir d'examiner les questions qui ont des répercussions particulières sur les femmes, ainsi que les progrès réalisés ou non par le gouvernement en la matière.

[*English*]

I would simply say how much I appreciate the comments of my colleague, the Hon. Member for Kingston and the Islands, with respect to the important question of legal inequalities which she mentioned this morning. She also mentioned the deep rooted apathy to the issue which she indicated was particularly prevalent in the ranks of the Government. I think she is absolutely correct. She mentioned the original constitutional proposals and how the Government was dragged, kicking and screaming, into doing something about the matter that we are talking about today. The Indian Act was discussed, and I also agree with what she said about the Unemployment Insurance Act.

She spoke of the economic inequality of women in our country. I can only agree with everything she said about that concern. It is absolutely devastating to realize that female heads of households earn about two-fifths of the income of male heads of households.

She also spoke about the 350,000 older women who are living below the poverty line. She talked of the role of the Government in terms of its own appointments. The Hon. Member for Calgary West (Mr. Hawkes) pointed out that the Treasury Board literally fought tooth and nail against giving the female general service workers equal pay for equal work. Of course, it was the courts, not the Government of Canada, that effected that necessary change. The point was also made that in the last year the Government of Canada has appointed two women judges out of 47 appointments. This reflects the old saying, "Judge by what I say, not by what I do".