

*Criminal Code***AIR CANADA****WINNIPEG—TRANSFER OF BASE TO
NORTHWEST INDUSTRIES LTD.**

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address my question to the Minister without Portfolio from Winnipeg in his capacity as Acting Minister of Transport. I asked a question of the Minister of Transport two days ago concerning the steps being taken by the government to make sure that the employees affected by the transfer of the Air Canada base at Winnipeg to Northwest Industries will not be either unemployed or forced to accept lower wages than they have been paid by Air Canada. The minister said he hoped to be able to give me that information in a couple of days and I am wondering whether it is now available?

Hon. James A. Richardson (Minister without Portfolio): No, Mr. Speaker. As the hon. member has pointed out, the question was asked only two days ago. It is unnecessary to point out to the hon. member that Air Canada has had other matters to think of in the last two days. There is no further information relating to his question at this time.

• (11:50 a.m.)

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GOVERNMENT ORDERS**CRIMINAL CODE****REPORT STAGE**

The house resumed consideration of Bill C-150, an Act to amend the Criminal Code, the Parole Act, the Penitentiary Act, the Prisons and Reformatories Act and to make certain consequential amendments to the Combines Investigation Act, the Customs Tariff and the National Defence Act, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs. And the motion of Mr. Laprise:

That Bill C-150, An Act to amend the Criminal Code, the Parole Act, the Penitentiary Act, the Prisons and Reformatories Act and to make certain consequential amendments to the Combines Investigation Act, the Customs Tariff and the National Defence Act, be amended by deleting in clause 7 paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of the proposed new section 149A.

Mr. Gérard Laprise (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, when the house adjourned last night, I was explaining why I had introduced amendment No. 6, to delete from clause 7 of Bill C-150

[Mr. Jamieson.]

paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of the proposed new section 149A of the Criminal Code.

The amendment to the Criminal Code would thus read as follows:

"149A. (1) Sections 147 and 149 do not apply to any act committed in private between
(a) a husband and his wife.

Mr. Speaker, my purpose is to determine and attempt to prevent the danger that could stem from the amendment to the Criminal Code before us.

Many people in Quebec and across Canada have been and still are wondering what the government is aiming at with such drastic changes in the Criminal Code, particularly on the matter of sexuality.

I have here an editorial written by Roger Bruneau, in the Quebec newspaper *L'Action*, of December 26, 1967, at the time when our present Prime Minister, then Minister of Justice, introduced the first amendment to the Criminal Code, now before us.

Here is what Roger Bruneau had to say on the subject, and I quote:

Other aspects of the Trudeau bill are shocking public opinion, such as the legalization of homosexuality between consenting adults. On this subject, Mr. Trudeau has stated that the state has no business in the bedrooms of the nation. We could also wonder whether the "present" state has any business in the federal legislative assemblies. The fact is that Ottawa is following closely the example given by Great Britain on legal morality. In London, they have abolished the death penalty, and they have legalized the sale of contraceptives, homosexuality, abortion, etc.

For the sake of the public interest and to protect itself against the excesses of the present government, the Canadian people must react energetically to make Ottawa understand that they will not let anything go by without being first consulted. It is too bad if the Pearson Liberal government finds itself in an embarrassing situation, but public interest has priority over that of the party; either the bill is withdrawn, or members of parliament are allowed to vote freely on that matter, or the opposition parties will have to unite and overthrow the government when a confidence motion is introduced on that bill.

Mr. Speaker, that is the opinion of an editor who speaks for and to his readers.

At this stage of the debate, Mr. Speaker, I should like to deal with the manner in which the house should act when it is time to vote on the amendments relating to clause 7 as well as clause 18 of the bill now before us.

Now, I want to quote what the Minister of Justice (Mr. Turner) said in the house on January 23, 1969, as recorded on page 4718 of *Hansard*. I quote:

Some hon. members have had to struggle with themselves to accept this bill. Some have had to