

S.O. 21

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S.O. 21

[English]

CRIMINAL CODE

STRIP CLUBS—CALL FOR AMENDING LEGISLATION

Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West): Mr. Speaker, for some months now the people of the Windsor area have been concerned about the proliferation in the area of strip clubs offering so-called adult entertainment. They are concerned that what these bars offer amounts to pornography, offends standards of human dignity, creates the risk of criminal activity, and generally creates the risk of a deterioration in neighbourhoods and the quality of life in the community.

I have repeatedly called on the Minister of Justice (Mr. Crosbie) to introduce appropriate amendments to update the Criminal Code to deal with this kind of situation which is found increasingly not only in Windsor but other communities as well. The concern in my community was heightened last week when a Judge of the Supreme Court of Ontario struck down a new City of Windsor by-law intended to help deal with the problem, saying that it dealt with morality, a matter of federal jurisdiction. It was also alleged at a recent LCBO hearing that applicants for a liquor licence to operate a strip bar had criminal connections.

The Minister has been promising legislation to amend the Criminal Code to enable the—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please, sixty seconds.

Mr. Gray (Windsor West): I call upon the Minister to present that legislation now—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please, sixty seconds.

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LABOUR RELATIONS

STRIKE AT EDMONTON MEATPACKING PLANT

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg—Birds Hill): Mr. Speaker, this weekend in Winnipeg, a plaque on the grounds of City Hall was dedicated to the memory of those who took part in the 1919 General Strike. Representatives of all three levels of Government were unanimous in the affirmation of the rights of labour and the courage and integrity of the strikers, who were not the seditious Bolsheviks they were made out to be by the Citizen's Committee of One Thousand but were men who were a part of and were supported by their community and who were later elected to public offices, including this House.

If we look at history with a forgiving eye, some of the men who ordered the RCMP on the strikers in 1919, killing one

man, could genuinely plead that the closeness of the Russian revolution clouded their vision. Peter Pocklington has no such excuse. His description of strikers in Edmonton as terrorists and communists who want to turn Canada into Russia is un-Canadian, and is an offence to all freedom-loving Canadians who thought they had put that kind of political garbage behind them.

It is Peter Pocklington who belongs somewhere else, along with Alberta's Tory labour laws. Peter Puck would do well in Poland advising General Jaruzelski on how to relate to Solidarity.

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THE DISABLED AND THE HANDICAPPED

TRIBUTE TO VOLUNTARY WORKERS AND SUPPORTERS

Mr. Don Ravis (Saskatoon East): Mr. Speaker, all too often we take our health for granted. I had the privilege in the last two days of meeting some special people who work hard to help those who suffer from diseases or handicaps. As the 1986 Honorary Chairman of the Saskatchewan Ride for Sight, I joined 300 cyclists yesterday in a ride to raise money for the fight against retinitis pigmentosa. The National RP Foundation has raised well over \$2 million since 1974. Yesterday's Ride for Sight in Saskatchewan raised nearly \$40,000 to help fight this tragic disease.

This morning I had the pleasure of attending Health and Welfare Canada's Volunteer Awards honouring 31 Canadians for their contributions to the well-being of their fellow citizens. I was delighted that one of my constituents was honoured for her work as a founding member of the Saskatoon Chapter of the Association for Children and Adults with Learning Disabilities and the Tamarack Foundation.

Saskatchewan has the highest percentage of volunteer participation in Canada. Our volunteers are a fine example to all of us and deserve our heartiest congratulations.

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CONSTRUCTION SITE DISPUTE AT LANGLEY, B.C.

Mr. Ross Belsher (Fraser Valley East): Mr. Speaker, from time to time many of us witness labour-management disputes which turn violent. To prevent these incidents, both the Government of Canada and the provincial Governments have laws which uphold the workers' right to strike and the employers' right to operate businesses. At times it is extremely difficult to satisfy both parties in a labour dispute and to ensure that neither side is being favoured.