

*Canadian Arms Exports to South Africa***ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS****STATISTICS ACT**

ESTABLISHMENT OF STATISTICS CANADA, PROVISIONS FOR ADMINISTRATION, ETC.

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce) moved the first reading of Bill S-2 (from the Senate), respecting statistics of Canada.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day. Is the Secretary of State for External Affairs seeking the floor on a point of order or question of privilege?

Mr. Sharp: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Before moving to orders of the day may I have the permission of the House to revert to motions in order to make a statement that I would have made at the opening of the House today, one that I think it is urgent to make but was prevented from doing so because of a meeting with the Prime Minister of Israel?

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

SOUTH AFRICA—ANNOUNCEMENT OF ENLARGING OF EMBARGO ON CANADIAN ARMS EXPORTS

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the government has been reviewing its policy with regard to the application of the embargo against the export of arms to South Africa. This review was undertaken as a result of Security Council Resolution 282 of July 23, 1970, which elaborated upon the terms of the Security Council's 1963 resolutions on this subject. Since the latest resolution went beyond the terms of the arms embargo as originally established, thorough consideration was called for to determine what steps the government should take in compliance with the terms of the new Security Council resolution.

The Canadian government has since 1963 applied a general embargo on arms exports to South Africa. Exceptions were made, however, to allow for shipment of maintenance spares for equipment supplied before the 1963 resolutions were adopted, as well as for export of certain aircraft piston engines and spares for them.

In light of the review just completed, the government has decided that henceforth the supply of all vehicles and equipment, and the supply of spare parts for vehicles and equipment, for the use of the armed forces and paramilitary organizations of the Republic of South Africa will be prohibited.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Sharp: In addition, certain aircraft piston engines and maintenance spares for such engines, previously exempted from the government's application of the

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embargo, will no longer be supplied for military use by the armed forces or paramilitary organizations in South Africa.

In complying with the recent United Nations resolution on this subject, the government does not intend that normal trade with South Africa in goods for civilian use should be affected.

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): May I just say very briefly, Mr. Speaker, by way of immediate comment that I really do not believe that the government of Canada had very much alternative to the course it has just announced in view of the position taken by the Prime Minister of Canada (Mr. Trudeau) on British arms shipments to South Africa.

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, we have long advocated this action and naturally we welcome it. We do question why it took so long and why it was necessary to wait until this time. Be that as it may, I hope the government is giving consideration to changing another anomaly in our relations with South Africa. We pronounce our detestation of the principles of apartheid, yet at the same time give special, preferential treatment to South Africa as though it were still a nation of the Commonwealth. I am wondering whether the time has not come for that part of our anomalous and sometimes hypocritical policy to be reviewed.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS**TAX REVIEW BOARD BILL**

ESTABLISHMENT, DUTIES, APPEALS, ORGANIZATION, ETC.

The House resumed, from Friday, October 30, consideration of the motion of Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton) that Bill C-174, to establish the Tax Review Board and to make certain amendments to other acts in relation thereto, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, I am sorry that, as a result of a change in the order of business, this item was called on Friday afternoon rather than today as had been announced last Thursday. Prior to the minister making his statement on Friday, I would have liked to raise the point of order that I am now going to raise with regard to another rather poorly drafted recommendation.

• (3:00 p.m.)

This is not a major point but it is one which I think strikes at the logic and consistency of a proper application of the recommendations. Your Honour will recall that the other day I had some words to say about these particular recommendations, the manner in which they were being drafted and the improprieties of them. The government must face up to the responsibility of making appropriate recommendations to this House because the