

## WATER RESOURCES

ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE

**Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Acting Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources and is, in a sense, supplementary to the question asked a few moments ago about the matter of water pollution. Can the minister advise the house of any progress made with the provinces towards establishing a national advisory committee on water pollution? That proposal was outlined by the minister on October 16, 1968.

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Acting Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, I hope to be in a position to report more fully on that matter in due course.

[Translation]

## INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

**Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance.

In the supplementary estimates (B) tabled yesterday, we find under Public Works an increase of \$4 over the main estimates. Could the minister tell us whether this substantial increase results from the construction of public buildings in Hull?

[English]

## OIL

PROVINCIAL REGULATION AND CONTROL IN  
MINERAL RIGHTS AREAS

**Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Acting Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Considering the recent statement of the mines minister of British Columbia, that offshore oil drilling rigs are still subject to provincial regulation, may I ask if the federal government has any agreement with any province under which it will accept provincial regulation and control of operations in the offshore mineral rights areas?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Acting Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, the hon. member should be aware of the announcement some little time ago of the administrative lines which the federal government announced pursuant to the Supreme Court's decision on offshore rights. The federal government is administering offshore rights lying beyond the marked administration lines.

## Criminal Code

## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

## CRIMINAL CODE

The house resumed, from Thursday, February 13, consideration of the motion of Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton) that Bill C-150, 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 read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

[Translation]

**Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière):** Mr. Speaker, we are discussing the famous omnibus bill that I would call a catchall because it contains 120 clauses on matters as varied as the control of offensive weapons, betting, lotteries, the breathalyzer test, and finally to inaugurate a new era of legalization, that of abortion, with very doubtful effects, one would think, besides clauses very short but heavy with consequences concerning the legalization of homosexuality.

Mr. Speaker, over and above the catchall character of the bill, members of all parties will have to vote for or against the whole bill, and will then be in the impossible and unacceptable position of having to approve it without restriction or to reject it without amendment. Far from accepting the procedure, Mr. Speaker, I wish to fight against it in this chamber, and in this regard, I am convinced that many of my colleagues from all parties intend to do likewise, even those who cannot speak—namely the members of the government party—because their leaders have muzzled them.

● (3:00 p.m.)

Mr. Speaker, I would like the Minister of Justice (Mr. Turner) who sponsored this criminal bill, and above all the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) for reasons already stated, to know that if legislators use this procedure, it cannot but result in the adoption of an inappropriate, incomplete, inaccurate and even insufficient Act.

We are legislators; we are not necessarily experts in criminal law or even in medicine. However, the different articles of the bill require from the legislators enlightened opinions, a thorough study which will motivate his backing a given article. I am thinking, for instance, of the breathalyzer, of