

Northwest Territories Condominium Ordinance

age the Government to take a hard look at the new directions—and I believe they are false directions—which it seems to be taking in the area of housing policy for Canadians.

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to rise in support of Bill C-214 which will permit condominiums to be built in the Northwest Territories, as was intended by the Ordinance but was prevented by a very simple housekeeping oversight conflict with the Land Titles Act.

I was pleased to hear the Hon. Member for Western Arctic (Mr. Nickerson) say that he hoped this would enable the building of good and more affordable housing in the Territories and that the Government there has a large budget for promoting housing.

I would like to add that I hope the Government, the builders and the people of the Northwest Territories would be willing to learn from a major error which was made in Canadian cities to the south. Generally they undertake to try to avoid the errors of the South. This is one I hope they take to heart. I hope they will avoid the error of many cities. Mr. Speaker, you are as familiar as I am with the error of permitting adult only apartment buildings and dwellings, buildings where children are forbidden. Your Honour was as warmly concerned about this matter as I was a few years ago. The error of permitting adult only buildings is now beginning to show as statistics demonstrate that the fertility rate in Canada is dropping.

Actually the Hon. Member for Western Arctic expressed concern about it this morning in a statement which he made. He has undertaken to do the best he can individually, but obviously it will not resolve the problem, as I can testify myself. It is really quite serious to insist that children be born, to try to throw people in jail for abortion, yet insist that they do not need a place to live after they are born. This is the custom in cities like Toronto.

I hope the Government of the Northwest Territories will learn by this experience and ban adult only buildings within its jurisdiction. This will allow Canadians to live in a more natural way with children than is now permitted in certain

parts of cities like Toronto. We will begin by referring this Bill or the subject matter of it to the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development. I hope the matter will proceed smoothly.

Mr. Girve Fretz (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I am happy to move:

That the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word "that" and substituting the following therefor:

"Bill C-214, an Act to validate the Northwest Territories Condominium Ordinance, be not now read a second time but that the order be discharged, the Bill withdrawn and the subject matter thereof referred to the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development".

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the amendment. It is the pleasure of the House to adopt the amendment to the main motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Amendment (Mr. Fretz) agreed to.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion as amended?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion, as amended, agreed to.

Mr. Speaker: Accordingly, the order is discharged, the Bill withdrawn and the subject matter thereof referred to the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Order discharged and Bill withdrawn.

Mr. Speaker: It being 4.20 p.m.,—and it looks remarkably like five o'clock to me—pursuant to Order made earlier this day this House stands adjourned until Monday, January 21, 1985, at eleven o'clock a.m.

Merry Christmas to all. Please have a fine break and get a lot of work done. If Hon. Members have a little while in the next few minutes, the usual invitation from the Chair is extended to you all.

At 4.20 p.m. the House adjourned until January 21, 1985, pursuant to Special Order.