

suggest to you, Mr. Speaker, that you take into consideration the procedure used by the President of the Privy Council and advise us perhaps tomorrow whether it is appropriate, but I do not think it is.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): Very well. The Hon. Member for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell (Mr. Boudria).

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

CRIMINAL CODE

MEASURE TO AMEND

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Crosbie that Bill C-49, an Act to amend the Criminal Code (prostitution), be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry-Prescott-Russell): Mr. Speaker, I will be brief because I want to conclude my remarks today. It has been said by some that prostitution is a victimless crime. I beg to differ with that comment. I believe the prostitute herself is a victim of the crime because the prostitute is generally controlled by others who place the prostitute in a position of quasi and even outright slavery. The attitude of the Minister of Justice (Mr. Crosbie), who has decided to remove the enslaved from the public view and believes that that is somehow a solution to the problem, is very inadequate. I do not think it is right. None of us should be participating in any way to give this Minister the approval of the Bill. I cannot support this kind of legislation.

● (1720)

[Translation]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): Is the House ready for the question? The question is as follows: Mr. Crosbie, seconded by Mr. Hnatyshyn moves that Bill C-49, an Act to amend the Criminal Code (prostitution) be now read a second time and referred to a legislative committee. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: On division.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): Carried on division.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the second time and referred to a legislative committee.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): Since it is 17.20 p.m., the House will now proceed with the consideration of private members' business as indicated on the Order Paper today.

Multiculturalism

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS— MOTIONS

[English]

MULTICULTURALISM

SUGGESTED ESTABLISHMENT OF DEPARTMENT

Mr. Ernie Epp (Thunder Bay-Nipigon) moved:

That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should consider the advisability of establishing a Department of Multiculturalism and a Standing Committee on Multiculturalism.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): Mr. Epp (Thunder Bay-Nipigon), seconded by Mr. Marchi, moves:

That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should consider the advisability of establishing a Department of Multiculturalism and a Standing Committee on Multiculturalism.

Does the Hon. Member for Thunder Bay-Nipigon have a point of order?

Mr. Epp (Thunder Bay-Nipigon): Mr. Speaker, may I begin to speak to the motion?

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): It was my understanding that the Hon. Member for Thunder Bay-Nipigon had a point of order concerning the motion.

Mr. Marchi: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I think Your Honour suggested that I seconded the motion of the Hon. Member for Thunder Bay-Nipigon (Mr. Epp), and I did not, just for the record.

Mr. Epp (Thunder Bay-Nipigon): It is seconded by the Hon. Member for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mr. Waddell).

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): This time we will try to get it correctly. The motion is moved by Mr. Epp (Thunder Bay-Nipigon) and seconded by Mr. Waddell. The Hon. Member for Thunder Bay-Nipigon on a point of order, I believe.

Mr. Epp (Thunder Bay-Nipigon): Mr. Speaker, before I begin to speak to this motion, and recognizing that I am unable to amend it, I would ask for the indulgence of the House to delete the last six words of the motion.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): Is that agreed, by unanimous consent?

Mr. Epp (Thunder Bay-Nipigon): Mr. Speaker, by way of very brief explanation of that—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): Just a moment, please. The Hon. Member for Grey-Simcoe (Mr. Mitges).

Mr. Mitges: Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that the Government is willing to accept this motion with some possible amendments.