

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, May 15, 1990

The House met at 11 a.m.

Prayers

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*Translation*]

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VACANCY IN THE POSITION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that I have received a communication notifying me that a vacancy has occurred in the position of Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons, namely, the hon. Marcel Danis, by resignation.

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[*English*]

CRIMINAL CODE

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-301, an act to amend the Criminal Code (gun control).

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Shall the hon. member have leave to introduce the said bill?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Mr. Fulton: Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have the opportunity to introduce legislation in relation to gun control. It has two principal elements to it. One is in relation to the difficulties rural Canadians have long faced in terms of obtaining farm acquisition certificates. I believe the suggestion that I have is one that members from rural Canada would well understand and very likely support.

The second element is in relation to the deletion of the search and seizure without warrant provisions which were provided for in the notorious gun control legisla-

tion of more than a decade ago. Even independent analyses of the existing legislation that have been done indicate that there have been serious abrogations of it. My legislation would intend to remedy that.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time, and ordered to be printed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Before I recognize the hon. member for Skeena again, I would hope he would do the Chair the courtesy of giving advance notice that he is going to present bills. Is the hon. member going to present his three bills today?

Mr. Fulton: Four bills.

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CANADA SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena): moved for leave to introduce Bill C-302, an act to protect and enhance the quality of drinking water in Canada.

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The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Shall the hon. member have leave to introduce the said bill?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Mr. Fulton: Mr. Speaker, as all members of the House are aware, the quality of drinking water in Canada is the greatest environmental issue Canadians want addressed. Some 40 per cent of the marine pollution, both salt and fresh water, in Canada is presently coming from the pulp and paper industry.

One of the things that my legislation does is to establish base lines upon which we can move toward the same concept of zero discharge and zero tolerance that one finds in relation to the recent annex to the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement. The intention is to clean up and keep safe and potable all fresh water in Canada.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.