

*Oral Questions***ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE****POSSIBILITY OF LEGISLATION TO PREVENT APPELLATE COURT FROM IMPOSING A SENTENCE WHEN A JURY ACQUITS INSTEAD OF ORDERING NEW TRIAL**

Mr. John Roberts (St. Paul's): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Justice. I should like to ask the minister whether he intends, when he presents his omnibus legislation, to include provisions which would preclude an appeal court from substituting a sentence for a jury acquittal rather than ordering a new trial?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have decided I will do that.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Chrétien: How about that?

Mr. Lang: I have made it clear that I did consider that a great deal of the worry on this subject, after reading the Supreme Court decision, was indeed a red herring that was worrying a lot of people. I have also concluded that the best way to deal with a red herring is to dispose of it altogether. I would propose to bury it.

Mr. Fairweather: Or read the judgment of Bora Laskin!

Mr. Diefenbaker: You should ask for forgiveness.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**SALE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR TO ARGENTINA—REQUEST FOR TABLING OF CONTRACT CONTAINING PROVISION FOR SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATION OF SAFEGUARDS**

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, the government House leader told me on Friday that he would try to comply with my request for the government to table provisions relating to the contract between Canada and Argentina in 1973 which made allowance for the subsequent negotiations of safeguards. Is he in a position to do so?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I have been talking with my colleague, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, since his return. I understood he was looking into the question but has not yet got all the information together which is necessary to answer the question.

[Mr. Lalonde.]

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE**MISCELLANEOUS ESTIMATES**

Eighth report of Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates, in both official languages—Mr. Leblanc (Laurier).

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL DEFENCE

Third report of Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence—Mr. Dupras.

[Editor's Note: For text of above reports, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

[English]

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I do not think the House should let today pass without this comment being made concerning yesterday's events. I hope that I will have the indulgence of the House to express the admiration of the House for the manner in which the RCMP and the Canadian armed forces carried out yesterday's difficult operation in taking over, at short notice, the security of our prisons. For many years Canadian troops have been rated as second to none wherever they have served. Yesterday, Canadians had an opportunity to note the cool competence and professional efficiency that makes them our pride and the envy of other nations.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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CRIMINAL CODE**AMENDMENT TO EXEMPT ANTIQUE MUZZLE-LOADING WEAPONS FROM LIST OF RESTRICTED WEAPONS**

Mr. John Reynolds (Burnaby-Richmond-Delta) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-398, to amend the Criminal Code (black powder firearms).

An hon. Member: Explain.

Mr. Reynolds: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to exempt antique muzzle-loading firearms using black powder from the list of restricted weapons in the Criminal Code. These weapons are of interest only to collectors and are too cumbersome to be a threat to public safety.

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

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WAYS AND MEANS**DESIGNATION OF ORDER OF THE DAY TO DEBATE WAYS AND MEANS MOTIONS**

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, in accordance with section (2) of Standing