

PRIVILEGE

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL REVENUE MEMORANDUM

Hon. Otto Jelinek (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, indeed, I will be very brief on a personal question of privilege which stems from yesterday's question of privilege by the hon. member for Kingston and the Islands.

If I may, in order to shed some light on the issue reads to read a communication into the record. It goes as follows:

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have recently become aware that officials of my department issued a letter to a number of townships and municipalities in Northern and Eastern Ontario, the contents of which, were inappropriate given that the letter failed to reflect the status of bill C-62 respecting the proposed goods and services tax.

On my instruction, my officials are in the process of forwarding a modified letter to each of the recipients of the original letter, along with an apology from the director of the regional office involved. Copies of both letters are attached for your reference.

I regret the unfortunate wording of the original letter and assure you that in no way was it intended to mislead the public.

It is signed by myself, as Minister of National Revenue.

Mr. Peter Milliken (Kingston and the Islands): Mr. Speaker, I may say I am delighted that the minister has taken these appropriate steps.

Mr. Speaker: I think, under the circumstances, there would be no need for comment from the Chair except to say that the Chair and all hon. members no doubt appreciate the minister's speed in coming back to the House.

The Chair also appreciates the comments of the hon. member for Kingston and the Islands who raised the matter.

Government Orders

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[Translation]

CRIMINAL CODE

MEASURE TO AMEND

The House resumed from Thursday, May 24, 1990, consideration of the motion of Mrs. Campbell (Vancouver-Centre) that Bill C-43, an Act respecting abortion, be read the third time and passed.

Mr. Speaker: It being 3 p.m., pursuant to an order adopted on Thursday, May 10, 1990, the House will now proceed to the taking of the divisions on third reading motions of Bill C-43, an act respecting abortion.

[English]

This will be followed by the taking of the deferred division at report stage of Bill C-69, an act to amend certain statutes to enable restraint of government expenditures.

[Translation]

The question, therefore, is on the main motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Some hon. members: No.

Mr. Speaker: All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some hon. members: Yea.

Mr. Speaker: All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. members: Nay.

Mr. Speaker: In my opinion, the yeas have it.

And more than five members having risen:

Mr. Speaker: Call in the members.

The House divided on the motion (Mrs. Campbell) (Vancouver Centre) which was agreed to on the following division:

• (1540)

(Division No. 269)

YEAS

Members

Anderson
Atkinson
Beatty
Bernier
Bird

Andre
Attewell
Belsher
Bertrand
Bjornson