

Capital Punishment

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There is another issue which we have to consider under the capital punishment umbrella, that is, the issue of drug dealers. In the United States there is a debate going on with respect to this subject. The U.S. House of Representatives passed a sweeping anti-drug Bill on Wednesday which includes a death penalty for drug dealers in drug-related murder cases. I would have no opposition to such a provision being included in the final drafting of our death penalty Bill, if it goes through.

There is only one country at the present time which has the death penalty for drug traffickers. That country is Malaysia. I just discussed this issue with a couple of Malaysian politicians recently. They would like to have some further conferences within the Commonwealth in regard to the drug problem. I hope that the Commonwealth countries can get together to deal with the issue in the near future.

I would now like to quote from an article published in *The Globe and Mail* recently, an article written by Mr. Les Bewley, a retired Vancouver criminal court judge. He is a columnist for *Canadian Lawyer* magazine. He states:

Murder is the unlawful killing of a human being. The murderer has preferred no lawful charge against his victim; given him no right to counsel, no right to cross-examine or make full answer and defence; denied him the right to be tried before an independent, impartial, public tribunal; denied him any appeal. The murderer is prosecutor, judge and jury, all without lawful authority. Only such killing can be called murder.

I have heard it stated repeatedly that we should not have capital punishment in a civilized society. I am not so sure we have a civilized society when someone will plant a bomb aboard a 747, crush the skulls of young girls, break their necks, abduct them, and all the other horrible things they do. I do not consider that civilized. So we are not actually living in a civilized society when things of that sort are happening.

The Hon. Member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce—Lachine East says that we will be reading some terrible and bizarre cases into the record. I think we should. I think they should be discussed because we have had some terrible cases in Winnipeg in which children have been abducted. As I mentioned, their heads have been crushed like eggs, their necks broken, and all the rest of it. Young girls have been abducted, molested, bound hand and foot, thrown in a shed and left to freeze to death. I would have absolutely no hesitation in calling for the execution of persons who conduct themselves in that manner.

The following is one of the most bizarre cases I have ever read about. It happened in London, England recently. A young girl was burned on her chest, tummy and bottom. The article states:

TRAGIC toddler Kimberly was branded on her chest, stomach and bottom before she was battered to death—

The burn marks on her bruised and emaciated body were in the shape of an "L" or a "7"—

All the branding scars were caused "by the application of a hot instrument," . . . Other injuries found on four-year-old Kim's body indicated she had been:

TORTURED with a lighted cigarette—at least 15 burn marks were found running the length of her spine and on her pelvis.

BATTERED about the face, groin, legs and arms, and picked up bodily by her ears.

The 24-year-old man who tortured this girl for weeks got life, real life, in Britain. But he will not be able to be put in a section of the prison where other prisoners are. He will have to be kept in solitary confinement for the rest of his life, as the other inmates would deal with him in short order. The mother of the child received a 12-year sentence.

At the present time I would like to move, pursuant to Standing Order 9(4)(a):

That the House continue to sit beyond the daily hour of adjournment for the purpose of—

Mr. Parry: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): On a point of order, the Hon. Member for Kenora—Rainy River.

Mr. Parry: I am raising a point of order that there is not a quorum in the House and that therefore the motion of the Hon. Member for Winnipeg—Assiniboine (Mr. McKenzie) is out of order.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I regret but there is a quorum in the House. The Hon. Member can move his motion.

Mr. McKenzie: Before I was so rudely interrupted, Mr. Speaker, I will move the complete motion again. I move, pursuant to Standing Order 9(4)(a):

That the House continue to sit beyond the daily hour of adjournment for the purpose of completing consideration of the motion standing in the name of the President of the Privy Council concerning capital punishment and amendments thereto.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The only motion with which I can concur is one which does not state "completing". It can state "continuing". The Hon. Member will have to change that, and then we can continue.

Mr. Nystrom: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Yes, I will recognize the Hon. Member for Yorkton—Melville, but first the Hon. Member for Winnipeg—Assiniboine.

Mr. McKenzie: I can do as you suggest, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Nystrom: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I think if you take a look at the motion as proposed by my friend from Winnipeg Your Honour will notice that he is asking the House to consider extending the hours to complete the debate on the motion that is before the House at this particular time. At this time we are debating not the motion itself but an amendment to the motion.

What we are talking about here in the Hon. Member's motion is dealing with the entire motion. What is before the House is an amendment—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The Hon. Member for Winnipeg—Assiniboine moves: