

Proceedings on Adjournment Motion

For the life of me I can see no reason why an amendment dealing with electronic devices and the privacy of the individual should not be in this omnibus bill. There has been a great deal of writing about this and there have been recommendations by commissions. If I remember correctly, the hon. Mr. McRuer made a recommendation on this subject. It should not be beyond the ingenuity of even the junior members of the minister's staff to draft an appropriate amendment on this subject.

Why should it require more than one single line to remove the barbaric corporal punishment laws from the Criminal Code? Why should that have to wait until the future? All it would require is a few words, namely that section so and so be deleted. Why does that require years of study and thought? That ought to be in the amendments before us.

For a long time we have talked about expunging the criminal record which remains on the books against a person, in spite of the fact that for years he has led a clean, decent and social life. Why should this require years of study, and why does this bill not contain a simple amendment to expunge and put aside a criminal record after a period of time? I think it ought to be five years.

Why do we have to wait for months and years before we straighten out the shameful conditions in respect of bail in our criminal law courts? The hon. member for Calgary North dealt with this subject at great length. I have read at least two or three books and, God knows, a dozen or two dozen articles on this subject. It has been written upon to the point that there is nothing left to be said, although academics will still find something to say as they always do. This does not require any long study. There would be no difficulty in drafting something to deal with this subject.

The time urges me to conclude my remarks, and I will end the way I started. The bill before us has many good features. We will support it and we will facilitate its passage, but we feel it is far short of the kind of revision to the Criminal Code that should have been before us in view of the long gestation period which both the Prime Minister and the Minister of Justice have taken on this measure.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Bernard Dumont (Frontenac): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

[Mr. Lewis.]

We, of the Ralliement Cr ditiste, agreed willingly to let the parliamentary leader of the New Democratic party, the hon. member for York South (Mr. Lewis), pursue his speech. We hope therefore the same co-operation will be granted us tomorrow.

Secondly, I would like Your Honour to ask the house for leave to prolong this debate. Since we sat yesterday until two o'clock in the morning, why not do likewise today?

[*English*]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. B chard): Order, please. It being ten o'clock, it is my duty to proceed to the questions to be dealt with on the adjournment motion.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

A motion to adjourn the house under standing order No. 40 deemed to have been moved.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION—
PROGRAM RESPECTING POLLUTION PROBLEM
AT DUNNVILLE, ONTARIO

Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview): Mr. Speaker, a short time ago I asked the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. Greene) a supplementary question regarding a statement on the responsibility of the federal government concerning the pollution problem at Dunnville and the responsibility of the federal government to set federal standards on pollution control. This question followed questions to the Secretary of State (Mr. Pelletier) concerning the C.B.C. program "Air of Death" which was shown on channel 6 on October 22.

● (10:00 p.m.)

A portion of the film dealt with the health issue at Dunnville. The pollution problem at Dunnville arose as a result of the operations of two industrial plants, E.R.C.O., which is the Electrical Reduction Company Limited and the Sherbrooke Metallurgical Company Limited, both of which are involved in industrial processes and both of which were involved in the Dunnville pollution problem. As you probably know, Mr. Speaker, as a result of many complaints a three man committee was set up by the Ontario government to study the pollution problem at Dunnville. The committee made a report and made recommendations with regard to the basic problem of pollution to the Ontario government. I am going to read short excerpts from their