

We must not forget those who are homosexual because, honourable senators, in the testimony that has been given in the hearings of the Special Committee on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide, the very saddest testimony has been from those who are homosexual and have AIDS, and who feel that they have been deserted, or fear that they will be deserted. They seek assisted suicide or euthanasia because they believe that when the time comes for them to suffer the agonies of this disease, they will not be supported by the health care system, or by families or friends.

No matter what our views are, I do not believe anyone in this country should feel they want assisted suicide or euthanasia because their society or country has deserted them.

Honourable senators, I ask us all to reflect on this agony because it is a societal agony. It is one of which we are all a part.

ENERGY

HIBERNIA PROJECT—CONTRACT WITH SAINT JOHN SHIPYARD

Hon. Erminie J. Cohen: Honourable senators, politics should never stand in the way of signed legal agreements. No, I am not talking about Pearson, although I could be. I am talking about the Hibernia work recently given to the Saint John shipyard in my province of New Brunswick.

The Prime Minister is now saying that this legal agreement should be disregarded, and the work put out to tender. Should the work have been put out to tender in the first place? Yes, and Saint John would have won, because it has a history of finishing projects on time, and because the board that oversees Hibernia wants the work done in an ice-free port.

However, the contract was not put out to tender, honourable senators, and with a signed, legal agreement now in place, the work must be done in Saint John. To do otherwise would only send one message to the business community: This government does not think that contracts are worth the paper they are written on.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

SCRUTINY OF REGULATIONS

REPORT OF STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE TABLED

Hon. P. Derek Lewis: Honourable senators, I have the honour to table the second report of the Standing Joint Committee on the Scrutiny of Regulations, which deals with illegal dispensations.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this report be taken into consideration?

On motion of Senator Lewis, and pursuant to rule 97(3), report placed on the Orders of the Day for consideration at the next sitting of the Senate.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. William J. Petten (Acting Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate, and notwithstanding rule 58(1)(h), I move:

That when the Senate adjourns today, it do stand adjourned until Tuesday, December 6, 1994 at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Honourable senators, the work program for the next week is as follows: By the middle of next week we will have Bill C-46, to establish the Department of Industry and to amend and repeal certain other acts and Bill C-51, to amend the Canadian Grain Act. Later next week we hope to have Bill C-56, to amend the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, and Bill C-52, to establish the Department of Public Works and Government Services and to amend and repeal certain acts.

It is not certain that we will have the last two bills. However, we are as certain as we can be in this business that we will have the first two.

The following committees will be sitting next week: Aboriginal Peoples; Banking, Trade and Commerce; Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources; Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide; Foreign Affairs; Internal Economy; Legal and Constitutional Affairs; and Transport and Communications.

We will give Bill C-57 first reading today and we will debate it next week.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, is leave granted?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION BILL

FIRST READING

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that a message had been received from the House of Commons with Bill C-57, to implement the Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization.

Bill read first time.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this bill be read the second time?

On motion of Senator Petten, bill placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting of the Senate.