

*Inquiries of the Ministry***CRIMINAL CODE****JUVENILE DELINQUENCY—CONSIDERATION OF RAISING OF AGE**

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Justice. It has to do with Criminal Code reforms to be brought in to comply with recommendations of the Committee on Juvenile Delinquency. Is the Minister of Justice considering amendment of the Criminal Code so that the age at which a person may be convicted for an offence will be raised from seven years, the present age, to twelve years. Will he also be considering section 13, the exception clause?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, we are studying all aspects of that report.

Mr. Woolliams: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. No bill has yet been brought down, but in the contemplated reform of the Criminal Code, will this aspect be dealt with?

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I am afraid the hon. member will have to wait and see. It may be in that bill or in another bill to be introduced by my colleague, the Solicitor General.

Mr. Woolliams: A further supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In view of the minister's answer and the convictions registered against youths, would he consider referring my bill to amend sections 12 and 13 of the Criminal Code to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs?

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, whatever procedure we may want to adopt, I certainly will do everything I can to make sure that the provisions of the hon. member's bill receive early consideration by the committee. I do not know whether I can influence the deliberations of that committee. The hon. member is a very prominent member of it.

COMBINES**RETAIL GASOLINE TRADE—MACKENZIE REPORT—INQUIRY AS TO FINDINGS**

Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. On March 6 last the minister told the House that the research division of the Combines Investigation Branch was conducting an examination of the MacKenzie report to the provincial government of Alberta in respect of the retail

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gasoline trade. He stated also at that time that the report was being referred to the Economic Council of Canada. Can the minister now say whether the examination of the MacKenzie report has been completed by these two bodies, and can he also state whether we may expect the findings to be communicated to this House?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): The Economic Council in its report published last August commented on the problems and some of the trade practices raised not only in the MacKenzie report but in the T.B.A. report and the B.C. report, all of which dealt with similar trade practices engaged in by the oil companies. As I said earlier today, we are considering the report of the Economic Council leading toward a revision of the Combines Investigation Act.

With regard to the MacKenzie report, I want to make it very clear that many of its recommendations do not fall within the jurisdiction of either the Combines Investigation Act, no matter how worded, or within the jurisdiction of the federal government. Many of these recommendations with regard to licensing, terms of chattel mortgages or leases, are purely provincial matters.

Mr. Mazankowski: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In light of the fact this question is of the utmost importance, particularly to those who are involved in the gasoline trade, is the minister prepared to introduce this subject to Parliament by means of a white paper or some other parliamentary procedure?

Mr. Basford: My preference would be to act more quickly than that and introduce an anti-combines revision act.

Mr. Mazankowski: In light of the fact Imperial Oil has launched an intemperate attack on the MacKenzie report, can the minister advise whether in fact this or any other company made representations to his department—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This supplementary should be placed on the order paper.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE—INQUIRY AS TO INVESTIGATION

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): I wish to direct my question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Since the minister is from Vancouver I wish to ask, in