

from the hillsides and into local communities. It is unfortunate when they do that, because they become susceptible to a habit pattern which keeps bringing them back. Although it might be quite fine for a child to cuddle a teddy bear, I do not recommend the same type of treatment with an unpredictable black bear.

While there are some very legitimate concerns on the government side with reference to the need for gun control, concerns that I recognize, I urge that the government maintain the posture of allowing the provinces to handle the control of this particular problem, that the government co-ordinate it, and if a shopkeeper is to have imposed upon him a great deal of bureaucratic paperwork, that he be given the right and the opportunity to receive some reimbursement for that effort. If that is not the case, then the government is giving the lie to its expressed concern that it is going to cut red tape for small businesses.

I ask that the Minister of Justice and the Solicitor General recognize that there are concerns which are not just urban but also rural. I notice in the bill there is a happy provision that a hunter who relies on game for his livelihood or to provide for his family, does not have to pay a fee.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): Order, please. I regret to inform the hon. member that his allotted time has expired. He may continue with unanimous consent. Does the hon. member have unanimous consent to continue?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): The hon. member for Kootenay West (Mr. Brisco).

Mr. Brisco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was going to conclude by saying—

Mr. Basford: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Brisco: Did somebody say no?

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): The hon. Minister of Justice (Mr. Basford).

Mr. Basford: Mr. Speaker, I would hope the hon. member would conclude his remarks fairly quickly. I would point out, on a point of order, that as the debate has gone on he is the first person on either side of the House who has exceeded his time. I would be happy to give my consent to his having more time, but I think the House would be interested to know that previous speakers, including the official spokesman for the opposition, completed their remarks within time.

Mr. Paproski: So what? That is the same as consent.

Mr. Brisco: Mr. Speaker, I am now at my concluding sentence.

I note there has been special treatment within the context of the bill for those people who must live off the land by hunting and trapping. I am delighted to see that particular provision has been introduced in this bill. I am sure the native peoples of

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Canada will also appreciate it. I will have more to say with respect to the new gun control section of this legislation when it reaches committee stage.

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Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Fundy-Royal): Mr. Speaker, I will try to make the points I want to make rather quickly. For one thing, I think peace and security seem to be in a bit of a retreat. The *Toronto Globe and Mail* says of this bill that some members of parliament have not read it. In fact the *Globe and Mail* specified six. I think the *Globe and Mail* is being generous. The bill was introduced on April 20. There are 86 pages in it. I suspect there are at least 40 additional pages of explanation, and the bill, of course, amends half a dozen statutes in a rather fundamental way, so I have no shame at all in saying that until I got ready for this debate, I had not read the bill either.

Mr. Speaker has ruled on whether this bill, which might be called a hodge-podge of legislation, conforms with the rules, and of course I would not presume to comment on that ruling. The fact remains, however, that I think we should reflect on whether it is good public policy to include such disparate concepts as wiretapping, gun control, dangerous offenders, custody and release of inmates, parole and probation, and some changes in the penitentiary service, within the ambit of one bill, and of course there are a couple of other aspects the enactment of which has been postponed because the bill's predecessor, Bill C-83, covered such a wide range of topics.

I think it is a great pity that this form of legislation seems to be coming more into fashion. I suspect that that means that a good many reforms that many of us would be anxious to have on the statute books are postponed because of other sections which are not acceptable.

I share the view of the minister that the hon. member for Calgary North (Mr. Woolliams) and the hon. member for New Westminster (Mr. Leggatt) made significant contributions to the debate. I am sure that the hon. member for Calgary North introduced his amendment, not to kill this bill, but in an attempt to divide it so that those parts which are amenable to quick passage will have that quick passage. I therefore propose to support his amendment, but because I think that the wiretapping provisions in particular are reprehensible, I hope I have an opportunity to vote against the bill on second reading.

Having said that, I think my hon. colleagues would want to share in a commendation of the mayor of this city. He has engaged in a voluntary program for the pick-up of guns of all sorts. This is an amnesty program initiated by Mayor Greenberg of Ottawa, and I hope that his idea spreads to other metropolitan areas in Canada. I suspect that no such need exists in rural areas.

It has been my experience as a representative of a predominantly rural area that most rural people are responsible owners, and I assume that that is the reason why the minister has made some fundamental changes to this legislation. I have no hesitation in commending the mayor of Ottawa for his