

Prohibition of Inquiring into Arrests

questions about the criminal record of those who apply for a position in the public service or in the private sector.

Mr. Speaker, I wish the views of the hon. member for Edmonton West were shared by all the members of his party, as not later than last week, many of them were asking the government if an inquiry had been made before granting an individual a job in the public service. I wonder whether the general principle of the motion of the hon. member for Edmonton West should not apply in that case, or in other similar cases, so that his motion would be in keeping with what he thinks and says.

I see the hon. member is raising his eyes to heaven. However, he knows very well what I am alluding to when I speak of an insistent request made to the government to see if such and such an individual has been given a national security clearance. I do not pretend that the hon. member for Edmonton West has done it. He knows very well—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Order. The hour appointed for the consideration of private members' business has expired.

At 5 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.