

subsidy program is being cut. There are also other agricultural cuts that the Americans demanded. There are cuts in crop insurance, cuts in the Canadian dairy export subsidy program, cuts in the Prairie Grain Advance Payments, and a partial termination of fuel tax rebate programs.

Why does the Minister of Finance not admit that his office did not make up the Budget, but in fact the office of the Minister for International Trade made up the Budget, and that he had already given up negotiations on agricultural subsidies before they even began.

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister, President of the Privy Council and Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, the premise of the Hon. Member's question is absolutely false.

We are now seeing a bit of what the Liberal finance critic talked about when he said that every sparrow that falls is going to be blamed on the U.S.-Canada Free Trade Agreement. Here is a good example.

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CRIMINAL CODE

PORNOGRAPHY

Mr. Bill Attewell (Markham): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Justice. When the election was called last fall, one of the important Bills that died was C-54, an Act to amend the Criminal Code regarding pornography. The Government has talked repeatedly about the vital role of family life in our nation, and the need to bring in tough legislation to at least deal with the publication of certain despicable types of pornography. I refer to the sexual exploitation of young children.

Is the Minister really sensitive to the concerns of thousands of Canadians on this issue? If he is, how soon will he bring in legislation?

Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, my colleague is correct. Bill C-54 died on the Order Paper. Before it did, it provoked a great deal of public discussion. Two of the areas in which there was a general consensus were child pornography and pornography depicting violence. Those two areas are being actively studied by the Ministry at the present time.

Oral Questions

THE BUDGET

LEAK OF DOCUMENT

Mr. John Nunziata (York South—Weston): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Justice and it concerns the cause of the Budget leak.

Last week the Prime Minister referred to the leak as "a crime". The Finance Minister referred to it as "a wilful criminal act". The Solicitor General referred to it as "a very serious theft". The Justice Minister himself referred to it as "a theft".

My question to the Minister of Justice is the following. Is it still the position of the Government of Canada that the Budget leak was caused by a criminal act?

Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, the House will know that this matter is presently being investigated by the RCMP. The charges, if any, which are laid, will obviously have to await the outcome of that investigation.

POSSIBLE CRIMINAL ACTION

Mr. John Nunziata (York South—Weston): Mr. Speaker, last Thursday and Friday Canadians were led to believe, in fact they were told by Ministers of the Crown, that the Budget leak was caused by a criminal act. Today the Government is not so sure.

Can the Minister of Justice indicate to the House and to Canadians what has changed? What has caused him and his Government to change their minds?

Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, in all discussions surrounding this event one has to be very careful as to who said what.

Mr. Broadbent: You said one thing and the Prime Minister said another.

Mr. Lewis: That is absolutely false. During the telecasting of the evening the comment was made by someone on one of the telecasts that it was a crime. That has been taken up in the vernacular. There will be no discussion on this event until the criminal investigation is finished.

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SECURITY AT PRINTING BUREAU

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Supply and Services. It also concerns the leak of the Budget, in particular the security at the main printing plant in Hull.