

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, February 16, 1995

The House met at 10 a.m.

Prayers

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

• (1005)

[*English*]

ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES READJUSTMENT ACT, 1995

Hon. Herb Gray (Leader of the Government in the House of Commons and Solicitor General of Canada, Lib.) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-69, an act to provide for the establishment of electoral boundaries commissions and the readjustment of electoral boundaries.

He said: Madam Speaker, on a point of order, I wish to inform the House that the bill just introduced is in response to the order of the House, pursuant to Standing Order 68(6), made last Tuesday.

Consequently, further proceedings will be subject to the provisions of Standing Order 68(7)(a), which includes a requirement that consideration of second reading be postponed until no earlier than the third sitting day after today.

(Motions deemed adopted, bill read the first time and printed.)

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[*Translation*]

CANADA HEALTH ACT

Mr. Bernard Patry (Pierrefonds—Dollard, Lib.) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-302, an act to amend the Canada Health Act (nutrition services).

He said: Madam Speaker, I have the honour to introduce today in this House a bill to amend the Canada Health Act with regard to nutrition services.

This bill includes the expression “nutrition services” in the definition of health services provided under the existing Canada Health Act. We all know that nutrition is an essential component of health and that Canadian dieticians are the only health professionals duly trained and authorized to evaluate a person’s nutritional status.

Furthermore, the Canadian government recognizes dieticians as key resources in developing health policies such as Canada’s Food Guide, which sets guidelines for good health. I therefore feel that it is important, as much for the general public as for the order of dieticians, that they be formally recognized and included in the Canada Health Act.

(Motions deemed adopted, bill read the first time and printed.)

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[*English*]

CRIMINAL CODE

Mr. Ian McClelland (Edmonton Southwest, Ref.) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-303, an act to amend the Criminal Code (dangerous intoxication).

He said: Madam Speaker, it is a pleasure to introduce this bill. I know other members in the House were working on similar bills. The motivation behind the bill is to remove the ability of persons to hold themselves harmless from responsibility for self-induced intoxication.

As members know, recently the Supreme Court held that persons could be held harmless from the result of their own actions because of self-induced intoxication. This goes against the grain of all thinking Canadians and common sense.

This bill, which I would ask all members in the House to support, would create a separate offence. The offence of being criminally intoxicated would ensure that Canadians are held personally responsible for the results of their actions. They cannot hide behind the charter of rights and freedoms to escape responsibility for what they have done. This would prevent violence to others who are innocent.

(Motions deemed adopted, bill read the first time and printed.)