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1. Further to recent changes in the rules of the House of Commons pertaining to Private Members' business, please be advised that Bill C-277 to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act to include sexual orientation as a prohibited ground of discrimination has been referred to a Legislative Committee for study on second reading. Hansard for 26 Mar 86 does not indicate who the chairman of the Committee is, but the Committee consists of the following seven members:

Sheila Copps
Arnold Malone
John Reimer
Gerry St-Germain
Bill Kempling
André Plourde
Svend J. Robinson

2. The Department of Justice have advised that they will be consulting other government departments shortly in connection with a review of the Canadian Human Rights Act. One of the aspects of that review will be to determine whether the Act should be amended to add sexual orientation as a prohibited ground of discrimination. It is suggested that any action in the Committee with respect to Bill C-277 might pre-empt any hope that this department might have in convincing officials in the Department of Justice during the review of the CHRA that sexual orientation should not be added. Accordingly, it is recommended that the department take advantage of any opportunity that may be presented to indicate to the Committee that Bill C-277 should not be proceeded with until the results of the Department of Justice review of the CHRA are known.

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