

Mr. Trudeau, seconded by Mr. Benson, by leave of the House, introduced Bill C-192, An Act to amend the National Housing Act, 1954, which was read the first time and ordered to be printed and ordered for a second reading at the next sitting of the House.

The text of the Message and recommendation of the Governor General printed pursuant to Standing Order 62(2) in relation to the foregoing Bill is as follows:

His Excellency the Governor General recommends to the House a measure to amend the National Housing Act, 1954 to meet the demand for housing by increasing from eleven billion dollars to fifteen billion dollars the aggregate amount of all loans that may be insured under the Act; by increasing from five billion two hundred million dollars to six billion one hundred million dollars the aggregate amount that may be advanced to the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation for direct loans to the Corporation; by including in the costs of an urban renewal scheme towards which the Corporation may contribute, the costs of improving lands or buildings in the urban renewal area and the costs of disposing of buildings so acquired; by increasing from five hundred and fifty million dollars to six hundred million dollars the maximum liability of the Corporation in respect of guaranteed house improvement loans and house extension loans; by extending the authority of the Corporation to make loans for the improvement or acquisition and improvement of existing student housing projects and for the conversion of existing buildings into a student housing project; by increasing from ten million dollars to fifteen million dollars the maximum amount that may be paid to the Corporation in respect of housing research and community planning; by increasing from three hundred and fifty million dollars to five hundred and fifty million dollars the maximum charge on the Consolidated Revenue Fund for lending by the Corporation; by decreasing by fifty per cent the insurance fee payable on certain kinds of insured loans and by providing for insurance without payment of an insurance fee in certain other cases; to extend from thirty-five years to forty years the maximum term of certain loans described in the said measure; by extending the nature of the loans that may be made under the Act; and by providing further amendments of a general nature in connection with the administration of the Act.

Pursuant to Standing Order 39(4), the following two Questions were made Orders of the House for Returns:

No. 1,208—*Mr. Skoberg*

1. For the years 1960, 1965, 1966, 1967 and 1968 what were the advertising expenditures for each government department or agency?
2. Is there a competitive tendering system for the advertising budgets of government departments or agencies?
3. If not, what system is used in the awarding of advertising contracts?
4. Is there any co-ordination among government departments or agencies in order to achieve efficiency in advertising expenditure allocation?
5. If so, who are the members of this co-ordinating group and what are their specific functions and objectives?
6. Is the government considering the establishment of a Crown corporation for public advertising expenditures?