

October 21, 1970—The President of the Privy Council: That in relation to S. 22 of the Representation Commissioner Act, Statutes of Canada 1963, C. 40, the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections be empowered to review the provisions of the Representation Commissioner Act and recommend to the House any amendments, alterations or modifications thereto that to the said Committee shall appear to be necessary or desirable, and the evidence adduced by the Committee during the past Session in relation thereto be referred to the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 2 of Standing Order 21 this government notice of motion stands transferred to and ordered for consideration under government orders at the next sitting of the House.

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PROCEDURE AND ORGANIZATION

REFERENCE OF QUESTION OF BROADCASTING OF PROCEEDINGS OF HOUSE AND COMMITTEES TO STANDING COMMITTEE

On the order: Government notices of motions:

October 21, 1970—The President of the Privy Council: That the question of radio and television broadcasting of the proceedings of the House and its Committees, including the legal, procedural, and technical aspects thereof, and the question of arrangements made for reporters for the electronic media in the Parliament Buildings, and the evidence adduced by the Committee during the past Session in relation thereto be referred to the Standing Committee on Procedure and Organization.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 2 of Standing Order 21 this government notice of motion stands transferred to and ordered for consideration under government orders at the next sitting of the House.

REFERENCE OF QUESTION OF MEASURES TO ENSURE SECURITY OF GALLERIES TO STANDING COMMITTEE

On the order: Government notices of motions:

October 21, 1970—The President of the Privy Council: That the question of measures to be taken to ensure the security of the galleries of the House, and the evidence adduced by the Committee during the past Session in relation thereto be referred to the Standing Committee on Procedure and Organization.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 2 of Standing Order 21 this government notice of motion stands transferred to and ordered for consideration under government orders at the next sitting of the House.

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PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

REFERENCE TO STANDING COMMITTEE

On the order: Government notices of motions:

October 21, 1970—The President of the Privy Council: That the Public Accounts for the year ended March 31, 1969, and the Auditor General's Report thereon, and the evidence adduced by the Committee during the past Session in relation thereto be referred to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

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Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 2 of Standing Order 21 this government notice of motion stands transferred to and ordered for consideration under government orders at the next sitting of the House.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL DEFENCE

REFERENCE TO STANDING COMMITTEE OF PAPERS, "FOREIGN POLICY FOR CANADIANS"

On the order: Government notices of motions:

October 21, 1970—The President of the Privy Council: That the papers entitled "Foreign Policy for Canadians", laid before the House June 25, 1970, be referred to the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 2 of Standing Order 21 this government notice of motion stands transferred to and ordered for consideration under government orders at the next sitting of the House.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

NATIONAL SECURITY

POLICE EFFORTS TO FIND MURDERERS AND KIDNAPPERS —OFFERING OF REWARD

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): I wish to direct a question to the Solicitor General. It is now nearly three weeks since the kidnapping of James Cross, one week since the invocation of the War Measures Act and almost a week since the foul murder of Pierre Laporte. Can the Solicitor General explain to the House the apparent lack of success of police efforts and the reports now being made that they are at a dead end and are relying upon tips? Can the Solicitor General give the country any assurance in this regard?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, we are dealing with three difficult criminal offences, and I am now speaking of that aspect of the whole situation. The two kidnappings and the murder and under investigation and it is not possible to give from time to time all the information I would like to give. I cannot accept the proposition that the police are at a dead end in this matter.

An hon. Member: That is what the police said.

Mr. McIlraith: If the hon. member wishes he can accept the words of those who said it, but I must speak as best I can in answering a responsible question by the Leader of the Opposition. The information I have received from our federal police sources does not support the statement that they are at a dead end. I am not able to give the bits and pieces of information that I might like to give in order to develop the subject. I regret that under the circum-