

Routine Proceedings

[English]

HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Francis G. LeBlanc (Cape Breton Highlands—Canso, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the eighth report of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development concerning Bill C-54 which was adopted with amendments.

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Mr. John Harvard (Winnipeg St. James, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present, in both official languages, the report of the Standing Committee on Government Operations on Bill C-65, an act to reorganize and dissolve certain federal agencies, with amendments.

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PARLIAMENT OF CANADA ACT

Mr. John Solomon (Regina—Lumsden, NDP) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-314, an act to amend the Parliament of Canada Act (other pension income).

He said: Mr. Speaker, the bill which I am introducing today is entitled an act to amend the Parliament of Canada Act (other pension income). It will require all pension or retiring allowance payments received by a member of Parliament that are paid from public funds to be deducted from the member's sessional allowance.

This bill will deal with another dimension of the issue of double dipping. Members of Parliament who receive publicly funded pensions while at the same time receiving a full member of Parliament salary will be affected. The bill asks that the House of Commons subtract pension income from a sitting MP's salary, thus preventing double dipping, or receiving two incomes from only one taxpayer. This bill would make all MPs declare all public pension income they receive while sitting as an elected member of Parliament.

Those members with publicly funded pensions for previous service in: provincial legislatures; municipal governments; the public service at the federal, provincial and municipal levels; or as former judges; members of the Canadian forces; former peace officers; crown corporation employees; and former employees of school boards, hospital boards or any other publicly funded organization will forgo receiving two incomes for doing one job as a member of Parliament.

Canadians believe it is unfair to the tax paying public that a member of Parliament receive a full salary while also receiving a public pension.

This bill treats municipal, provincial and federal government—

The Deputy Speaker: Order, please. A succinct explanation of the bill is all that members are allowed to have.

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

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PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION
OBTAINED BY CERTAIN CORPORATIONS ACT

Mr. Philip Mayfield (Cariboo—Chilcotin, Ref.) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-315, an act to complement the present laws of Canada that protect the privacy of individuals with respect to personal information about themselves obtained by certain corporations.

He said: Mr. Speaker, I rise to table my first private member's bill, an act to complement the present laws of Canada that protect the privacy of individuals with respect to personal information about themselves obtained by certain corporations.

For several years Canadians have enjoyed the protection offered under the Privacy Act giving them better access to the federally held personal information. Yet in the private sector the use and abuse of personal information continues.

In 1994 the Quebec government passed a historic privacy law, Bill 68. It gave Quebecers greater control over their personal information. My private member's bill would complement, not compete with Quebec's bill by extending privacy protection to businesses under federal jurisdiction. For the rest of Canada, citizens for the first time would be given the control they need over their privately held personal information as we speed toward the creation of an information highway.

I look forward to discussing this bill with my fellow members of Parliament in the weeks and months to come.

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

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COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Mr. Peter Milliken (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I move that the 64th report of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs presented to the House earlier this day be concurred in.

(Motion agreed to.)

HEALTH

Mr. Peter Milliken (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I move: