

I was not paired, but had I been paired, I would have been paired with the hon. member for Saint-Hyacinthe-Bagot (Mr. Ricard), who ran away, in order to avoid voting.

[English]

### PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Sixth report of standing committee on public accounts—Mr. Hales.

[Note: Text of foregoing report appears in today's Votes and Proceedings.]

### PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS

#### AUTHORIZATION TO STANDING COMMITTEE TO STUDY CANADA ELECTIONS ACT

On the order: Government notices of motions:

October 20—The Secretary of State—The following proposed motion: That the standing committee on privileges and elections be empowered to study the Canada Elections Act and to report to the house such proposals as the committee may deem advisable.

**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.

[Translation]

#### REFERENCE OF REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ELECTION EXPENSES

On the order: Government notices of motions:

October 20—The Secretary of State:

That the report of the committee on election expenses tabled October eleventh last be referred to the standing committee on privileges and elections.

**Mr. Speaker:** Pursuant to standing order 21(2), this notice of motion is passed as a government order and shall be considered under government orders at the next sitting of the house.

[English]

### BROADCASTING

#### REFERENCE OF WHITE PAPER TO STANDING COMMITTEE

On the order: Government notices of motions:

October 20—The Secretary of State—The following proposed motion: That the white paper on broadcasting (1966) tabled on July fourth last be referred to the standing committee on broadcasting, films and assistance to the arts.

### Questions

**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.

### QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

#### QUEEN MARY VETERANS' HOSPITAL, MONTREAL—PARAPLEGIC SERVICE

Question No. 1,862—**Mr. Lambert:**

1. Has a decision been made by the Minister of Veterans Affairs to close down the paraplegic service at the Queen Mary veterans' hospital in Montreal?

2. If so, when was the decision reached, and what are the effective dates of the closing?

3. What are the reasons for such a decision?

**Hon. Roger Teillet (Minister of Veterans Affairs):** 1. Yes.

2. Montreal officials of the Canadian Paraplegic Association were first informed some two years ago that the department might have to suspend its specialized paraplegic service at Queen Mary veterans hospital. This decision was confirmed in the spring of this year and the effective date of the closing is February 28, 1967.

3. Of the 25 beds allotted to the paraplegic service, only one or two are normally occupied by veterans. The remainder are filled by civilian paraplegics referred to Queen Mary veterans hospital by the Canadian Paraplegic Association. As some part of the hospital must be closed to enable urgently required renovations to be carried out, it was decided to close that portion occupied by civilian patients. The deputy minister of health of the province of Quebec has been apprised of the situation and is making alternative arrangements for the care of the civilian paraplegics affected.

#### \*LONDON, ONT.—DRAINAGE PROBLEM IN VETERANS SUBDIVISION

Question No. 1,942—**Mr. Irvine:**

1. Has the Department of Veterans Affairs received any representation from the council of the city of London regarding the drainage problem in the V.L.A. subdivision (Wilton Grove) now situated in an area annexed by the city of London?

2. If so, what action is contemplated?