

Mr. Hymmen, from the Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works, presented the Fourth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:

While considering the Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1974, under Public Works, your Committee agreed to present the following report:

Your Committee recommends that a Special Committee of the House be forthwith appointed to continue to investigate and to report on the needs of harbour and wharf facilities in small craft harbours in the Atlantic regions and that a copy of the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence and all papers produced before the Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works and the Sub-committee on Harbour and Wharf Facilities in Small Craft Harbours in the Atlantic Regions be referred to the said Committee.

A copy of the relevant Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence of the Committee (*Issues Nos. 14, 15 and 21*) and of the Sub-committee (*Sub-issues Nos. 1 to 4 inclusive*) is tabled.

(*The Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence accompanying the said Report recorded as Appendix No. 38 to the Journals*).

Mr. Hymmen, from the Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works, presented the Fifth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:

Pursuant to its Order of Reference dated Tuesday, February 27, 1973, your Committee has considered the items listed under Energy, Mines and Resources, and under Public Works in the Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1974, and reports the same, except Votes 25, 30, 35, 40, L45 and L50 under Energy, Mines and Resources which were reported earlier.

A copy of the relevant Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence (*Issues Nos. 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20 and 21*) is tabled.

(*The Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence accompanying the said Report recorded as Appendix No. 39 to the Journals*).

Mr. Munro (Hamilton East), a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, laid upon the Table,—Copies of a Document entitled "Advisory Council on the Status of Women", including the terms of reference of the said Council. (English and French).—Sessional Paper No. 291-4/104.

A petition was presented by the honourable Member for Vancouver South (Mr. Fraser).

Mr. Blenkarn, seconded by Mr. Baldwin, by leave of the House, introduced Bill C-187, An Act to amend the Criminal Code, which was read the first time and ordered to be printed and ordered for a second reading at the next sitting of the House.

A Message was received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate had passed the following bill to which the concurrence of this House is desired:

Bill S-6, An Act respecting Centre Amusement Co. Limited.—*Mr. Poulin*.

The said bill was deemed to have been read the first time and ordered for a second reading at the next sitting of the House, pursuant to Standing Order 100(2).

Mr. Trudeau, seconded by Mr. Drury, moved,—That this House,

(i) aware that as provided in the Official Languages Act, the English and French languages possess and enjoy equality of status and equal rights and privileges as to their use in all institutions of the Parliament and Government of Canada;

cognizant that it is the duty of departments and agencies of the Government of Canada to ensure, in accordance with that Act, that members of the public can obtain available services from and communicate with them in both official languages; while recognizing that public servants should, as a general proposition and subject to the requirements of the Official Languages Act respecting the provision of services to the public, be able to carry out their duties in the Public Service of Canada in the official language of their choice;

do hereby recognize and approve the following Principles for achieving the foregoing:

- (1) that positions which are seen, under the present circumstances, as requiring the knowledge and use of both the French and English languages will be first identified, and then designated, as bilingual in the course of the period ending December 31, 1978;
- (2) that positions will also be identified where English is an essential requirement of the job, where French is essential, or whether either French or English may be used;
- (3) that a knowledge of English and French is one of the elements of merit in the selection of candidates for bilingual positions;
- (4) that competitions for bilingual positions will be open both to bilingual candidates and unilingual candidates who have formally indicated their willingness to become bilingual;
- (5) that competitions for unilingual positions will continue to be open to unilingual or bilingual