

● (2:10 p.m.)

[English]

PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

JUDGES ACT

AMENDMENT TO REDUCE AGE OF RETIREMENT
AND CONTINUE RETIRED JUDGES
ON RESERVE LIST

Mr. Hyl Chappell (Peel South) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-225, respecting the retirement of judges.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Chappell: Mr. Speaker, this bill would allow all federally appointed judges to retire at age 70, but they could continue as reserve judges until age 75. They would be able to help clean up the backlog of cases and thus make the courts more immediately available to all people.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

MAJOR'S HILL PARK

DESIGNATION AS AREA FOR PEACEFUL PUBLIC
DEMONSTRATIONS AND EXPRESSIONS
OF OPINION

Mr. Ralph Stewart (Cochrane) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-226, to designate Major's Hill Park.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Stewart (Cochrane): Mr. Speaker, it is obvious to anybody who has looked at the order paper that there are a number of bills standing in my name today. I should like to say that my explanation of this bill will also cover the following bill. If the House so wishes, I shall give an explanation of the other 37 bills after Your Honour has called them.

Mr. Speaker: Order. It seems to me that we are now dealing with a bill for the designation of Major's Hill Park. I wonder whether this has anything to do with the other 37 bills to which the hon. member makes reference.

Mr. Stewart (Cochrane): Mr. Speaker, only the first and second bills standing in my name are similar. This bill deals with designating Major's Hill Park as a place similar to Hyde Park in London where people can demonstrate and do the sort of thing that usually goes on in or near the House of Commons.

Criminal Code

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

CRIMINAL CODE

AMENDMENT TO MAKE CREATION OF DIS-
TURBANCE IN HOUSE OF COMMONS
AN OFFENCE

Mr. Ralph Stewart (Cochrane) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-227, to amend the Criminal Code.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Stewart (Cochrane): Mr. Speaker, this bill recognizes the need for the inclusion in the Criminal Code of a provision that will make the disturbing of the dignity and decorum of parliament an offence punishable under the Criminal Code.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, I wonder whether the House would agree to making a special order with regard to the remaining 37 bills which, in effect, would allow all these bills to be moved in one motion. I understand that the principle involved in all is identical, and the hon. member could make his explanation on the one motion.

Mr. Speaker: The Chair was disposed to suggest this but has been pre-empted by the President of the Privy Council. Is it the wish of the House that we proceed in the manner suggested by the President of the Privy Council?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

FIRST READINGS AND ORDERS TO BE PRINTED

On the Order: Introduction of Bills.

June 19, 1970—Mr. Stewart (Cochrane)—Bill intitled: An Act to amend the Air Canada Act.

Mr. Ralph Stewart (Cochrane): The purpose of these 37 bills, Mr. Speaker, is to underline in a singular way the need for representatives of the people, the Members of Parliament, to be appointed to the boards of Crown corporations and agencies, thereby making our authority more commensurate with the responsibility given us by the electorate.

All these bills are identical in that they ask for a Member of Parliament to be included on the board of directors of each of these organizations with the exception of two, those