

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

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The House met at 2 p.m.

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### PRESENCE IN SPEAKER'S GALLERY OF MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL COUNCIL OF COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION

**Mr. Speaker:** May I draw the attention of hon. members to the presence in the Speaker's gallery and also partly in the Senate gallery of a distinguished group of parliamentarians from various regions of the Commonwealth. They are members of the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association's General Council who have just concluded their annual spring meeting held this year in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. They are with us today as guests of the Canadian branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. I am sure hon. members will want me to express to them on your behalf a most cordial welcome to Ottawa and to our national Parliament. We hope that their discussions here in Ottawa will be as fruitful as their meetings in Charlottetown have been and that they will enjoy their all too brief stay with us.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

• (2:10 p.m.)

### CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. SPEAKER ON INSTALLATION AS CHANCELLOR OF UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I rise briefly under the provisions of Standing Order 117 on a matter which I believe will meet with the approval of all members of the House. We should like to extend to you, Sir, our congratulations on your having been installed on Saturday as Chancellor of the University of Windsor.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** As one who had the privilege of being there for that occasion, I can say that your performance of your duties and the address that you made brought honour to this House. We are proud of you and we extend our warmest congratulations.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Speaker:** Is the hon. member for Windsor-Walkerville perhaps rising on the same question of privilege?

**Mr. Mark MacGuigan (Windsor-Walkerville):** Your Honour's intuition is as usual infallible. As a member of the faculty of the University of Windsor perhaps I may be permitted to say that those associated with that uni-

versity consider themselves to be singularly fortunate in having such a distinguished member of this House as their chancellor.

**Mr. Speaker:** I thank hon. members and I want to assure them, after 48 hours in my new office, that it is just as easy to be chancellor as it is to be Speaker.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

### NATIONAL RESOURCES AND PUBLIC WORKS

Seventh report of Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works—Mr. Hopkins.

[*Editor's Note: For text of above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.*]

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### THE CENSUS

#### EXAMINATION OF COMPLETED FORMS BY PRIVATE CITIZENS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington):** Mr. Speaker, I rise, pursuant to Standing Order 43, to ask for the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion in respect of a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. This urgent matter relates to the fact that census forms for rural areas and small towns, and the long forms for every third household, require these citizens to divulge information about their incomes, under pain of severe fine or imprisonment. This would be acceptable if such information were assessed and reviewed by career civil servants at centres generally remote from the areas surveyed. However, these returns are to be scrutinized and assessed by private citizens politically recruited from the local areas, in many cases neighbours of those required to give the information.

Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Red Deer (Mr. Thompson):

That this House urges the government to reform the census procedures with respect to the scrutiny of rural areas and small towns census returns, and the returns on the so-called "long form", to ensure that such scrutiny is done exclusively by career public servants; and, further, that pending such reform, prosecutions for failure to file such a form be suspended.

Mr. Speaker—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member has indicated the essence of his motion. As he knows, no possibility is provided under the Standing Order to discuss the matter further at this time. The duty of the