

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

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**Monday, January 10, 1955**

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

### DIPLOMATIC INSTRUMENTS

#### ACCESSION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY TO NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION

**Hon. L. B. Pearson (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to table three copies in English and in French of the protocol to the North Atlantic treaty on the accession of the Federal Republic of Germany, signed at Paris, October 23, 1954, and three copies in English and in French of the agreements relating to Germany concluded at Paris on October 23, 1954.

**Mr. Alistair Stewart (Winnipeg North):** Mr. Speaker, this protocol, I feel, is very important and I wonder if it would be possible to have it printed as an appendix to today's *Hansard*.

**Mr. Speaker:** By unanimous consent.

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

(For protocol above referred to, see appendix, page 59.)

### INDUSTRIAL STATUS OF WOMEN

#### MEASURE TO REQUIRE EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK

**Mrs. Ellen L. Fairclough (Hamilton West)** moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 2, to provide equal pay for equal work for women.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

### INTERNATIONAL RIVERS

#### PROVISION REQUIRING LICENCE FROM GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN ANY IMPROVEMENT

**Right Hon. C. D. Howe (Minister of Trade and Commerce)** moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 3, respecting the construction, operation and maintenance of international river improvements.

**Mr. Knowles:** Explain.

**Mr. Howe (Port Arthur):** This bill will provide that a licence from the government of Canada will be required by anyone who shall construct, operate or maintain any improvement in any river flowing from any place in Canada to any place outside Canada. The definition of the word "improvement" includes a dam, obstruction, canal, reservoir or any other work the purpose of which is to alter the natural flow or to interfere with, alter or affect the actual or potential use of an international river outside Canada.

The provisions of the act apply to the government of Canada, to the government of a province and to any private individual. The bill provides that all international river improvements heretofore or hereafter constructed are declared to be works for the general advantage of Canada.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

### POWER, FLUIDS AND GAS

#### LICENSING CONTROL OVER EXPORTATION OF ELECTRIC POWER AND FLUIDS, AND IMPORTATION OF GAS

**Right Hon. C. D. Howe (Minister of Trade and Commerce)** moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 4, to regulate the exportation of power and fluids and the importation of gas.

**Mr. Fulton:** Explain.

**Mr. Howe (Port Arthur):** This bill revises and consolidates the present Electricity and Fluid Exportation Act. It retains licensing control over the exportation of electric power and over the exportation, by pipe lines, of petroleum, natural gas and other fluids. It extends control to the importation of gas. Strict licensing provisions are maintained subject to suitable amendments limiting the revocation of licences to cases in which a licensee refuses or neglects to comply with the terms or conditions of the licence. The bill retains present export duties on exported power and removes the authority to impose similar export duties on petroleum and gas.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.