

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, December 1, 1969

The House met at 2 p.m.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

**Mr. Speaker:** I have the honour to inform the House that a message has been received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate has passed the following bills, to which the concurrence of this House is desired:

Bill S-4, an Act to amend the Yukon Placer Mining Act.

Bill S-5, an Act to amend the Oil and Gas Production and Conservation Act.

Bill S-10, an Act to incorporate Pitts Insurance Company.

Bill S-11, an Act to incorporate Pitts Life Insurance Company.

[Translation]

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

### FINANCE, TRADE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Fourth report of Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs in both official languages—Mr. Clermont.

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

### COMPANY OF YOUNG CANADIANS

TABLING OF LETTERS EXCHANGED BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER AND MR. LUCIEN SAULNIER

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, as I indicated to the House last Friday afternoon, during the week-end I sought Mr. Saulnier's permission to my tabling the letter he sent me on March 17, as well as my reply dated April 1.

[English]

I did obtain this permission from Mr. Saulnier, Mr. Speaker, and I am prepared to table these two letters now.

## LABOUR CONDITIONS

UNEMPLOYMENT—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):** Mr. Speaker, I desire leave, by unanimous consent, to introduce under Standing Order 43 a motion which I consider to be of urgent and pressing necessity. I do so on the following grounds:

1. The statement by the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion on November 26, reported in *Hansard* at page 1268, expressing the hope that the committee "will be able to meet as soon as the House returns in January", meaning that the government does not intend to propose to the House an order of reference for the committee before seven weeks have passed at the earliest.

2. The statement made yesterday on the CTV network by Dr. John Young, Chairman of the Prices and Incomes Commission, that if present trends continue unemployment in Quebec and the Atlantic provinces would be very serious by March.

I therefore move, seconded by my hon. friend, the hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Baldwin):

That the Standing Committee on Regional Development be empowered to examine and inquire into the following:

The present and worsening unemployment situation in the province of Quebec and the Atlantic provinces; and that the first report thereon, with its recommendations, if any, be submitted not later than December 19, 1969.

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

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. members have heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for St. John's East. According to Standing Order 43 the motion can be put before the House only if unanimous consent is obtained. I have to ask whether there is such unanimous agreement.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Baldwin:** The government said no.

**Mr. McGrath:** Mr. Speaker, I should like to rise on a question of privilege. In view of the fact that unanimous consent to put my motion under the terms of Standing Order 43 has been withheld, and in view of the urgency of this matter, I wish to serve notice on the