

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, May 6, 1970

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Second report of Standing Committee on Agriculture—Mr. Beer.

Eleventh report of Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs—Mr. Tolmie.

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

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

TABLING OF REPORT ON HEARING AIDS

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I should like to table in both official languages two copies of the report on hearing aids prepared by an interdepartmental committee chaired by the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

An hon. Member: What did you say?

Mr. Basford: Hearing aids.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): With your permission, Mr. Speaker, I will indicate the business for tomorrow. The first item will be No. 94, second reading of the bill to amend the Excise Act, to be followed by item 69, consideration at the report stage of the Law Reform Commission Bill.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

CONCURRENCE IN SECOND REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. J. B. Morison (Halton-Wentworth) moved that the second report of the Standing Committee on Regional Development, presented to the House on April 14, 1970, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

CRIMINAL CODE

REPORTING OF MALTREATMENT OF CHILDREN

Mr. R. R. Southam (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-210, to amend the Criminal Code (Battered Child).

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Southam: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to require a member of the medical profession to report to his provincial Attorney General within a week any bodily injury to a child which, in his opinion, may have been caused by maltreatment.

The provincial Attorney General would then be in a better position to protect children, to lay any appropriate charge, and to ensure the future protection of the child and any other children in the custody of a person afflicted with a "battered child" syndrome.

I believe this to be a worthy and important amendment to the Criminal Code and I commend this bill to the serious consideration of all hon. members.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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

• (2:10 p.m.)

CANADA ELECTIONS ACT

PUBLICATION OF RESULTS OF POLITICAL OPINION POLLS

Mr. Robert C. Coates (Cumberland-Colchester North) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-211, to amend the Canada Elections Act.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Coates: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this amendment is to prohibit, and to make punishable as an illegal practice, the publication in any manner before election day of the results of a poll of the political opinions of the electors. The proposed amendment does not prohibit the taking of such a poll for private purposes.

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