

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, April 23, 1971

The House met at 11 a.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

LABOUR, MANPOWER AND IMMIGRATION

Second report of Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration—Mr. Pringle (for Mr. Weatherhead).

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

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MINERALS

TABLING OF INFORMATION BULLETIN MR 110, CORPORATE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO MINING COMPANIES

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, under Standing Order 41 (2) I should like to table copies of Mineral Information Bulletin MR 110, corporate disclosure requirements as they pertain to mining companies.

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[*Translation*]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

1915 ARMENIAN MASSACRE—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière): Mr. Speaker, under Standing Order 43 I would like to ask for the unanimous consent of the House to discuss a truly urgent and important matter, namely the slaughter of Armenians in 1915.

Canada itself was party to the signature of the Sèvres Treaty, Section 88 of which provided for the return to the Armenian people of the lands they had been despoiled of following a premeditated genocide. The year 1971 marks the 56th anniversary of this Armenian genocide by the Turks in 1915, an event which should bring all Canadians, and particularly the House, to pause for a moment and pay tribute to the 1.5 million Armenians who perished violently during—

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member knows that under Standing Order 43 he must propose a motion to the House and indicate why it is urgent that such motion be considered before other questions on the order paper.

Mr. Fortin: Mr. Speaker, I was getting to the heart of the matter.

Canada is involved and Canadians, who with reason believe themselves to be a peaceful people, should demand that justice be assured to this unfortunate nation

whose lands are under foreign domination. The House cannot ignore this fact, especially on this 56th anniversary, to be celebrated tomorrow, April 24.

Mr. Speaker: Does the hon. member wish to present a motion? He has invoked Standing Order 43 and, in accordance with the rules, he must indicate the content of his motion and give a copy of it to the Chair. If the hon. member does not wish to present a motion, we shall have to proceed to another subject.

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[*English*]

PRAIRIE GRAIN ADVANCE PAYMENTS ACT

AMENDMENTS RESPECTING RATE PER BUSHEL, EMERGENCY PAYMENTS, EXTENSION OF APPLICATION TO RYE, FLAXSEED AND RAPESEED

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-239, to amend the Prairie Grain Advance Payments Act.

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

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

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ASSURANCE THAT MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT NOT KEPT UNDER SURVEILLANCE BY ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, in view of the equivocal nature of the replies of the Solicitor General to questions yesterday concerning electronic surveillance of the telephones of Members of Parliament I should like to ask him whether he has inquired into the question of whether the offices of Members of Parliament and their telephones are being subjected to any kind of electronic surveillance or monitoring?

[*Translation*]

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, I imagine, following the questions put yesterday, that you intend to consider the whole matter and I think that it would be unadvisable for me to make further comments.

[*English*]

Mr. Nielsen: That question, with respect to the Solicitor General, was not put to him yesterday, Mr. Speaker. The question today is whether or not he has caused any inquiry to be made into the question of whether or not the offices or telephones of Members of Parliament are subjected to electronic surveillance or monitoring?