Indian Act

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The question is on Motion No. 28. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon, Members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): All those in favour please say yea.

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): All those opposed please say nay.

Some Hon. Members: Nav.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): In my opinion the nays have it. Accordingly, I declare the motion lost.

Motion No. 28 (Mr. Parry) negatived.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The question is on Motion No. 38. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): All those in favour please say yea.

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): All those opposed please say nay.

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): In my opinion the nays have it. Accordingly, I declare the motion lost.

Motion No. 38 (Mr. Penner) negatived.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The question is on Motion No. 39. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): All those in favour please say yea.

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): All those opposed please say nay.

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): In my opinion the nays have it. Accordingly, I declare the motion lost.

Motion No. 39 (Mr. Penner) negatived.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): It being 5.04 p.m., the House will now proceed to the consideration of Private Members' Business as listed on today's Order Paper.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS— MOTIONS

[English]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Is there unanimous consent that the House proceed to Motion No. 181?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

SUGGESTED ANNUITIES TO DSO RECIPIENTS

Hon. Allan B. McKinnon (Victoria) moved:

That, in the opinion of this House, the government should consider the advisability of paying veterans of World War I and all recipients of the DSO, the same annuities with respect to gallantry awards received by veterans of World War II.

He said: Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have the opportunity to discuss my motion in the House today on behalf of World War I veterans who received awards for gallantry during that war. It may come as a surprise to some of us here today that some of these veterans receive annuities for their awards from the Government of the United Kingdom. This fact came to my attention earlier this year when one of my constituents telephoned me about the matter.

I knew that the veterans of World War II who received gallantry awards did receive a small annuity from the federal Government and a quick look at the Veterans Affairs annual report confirmed that gallantry awards and annuities were being paid by the Canadian Government only to those veterans who served in the Second World War and later. I found that the total of those payments in 1983-84 amounted to about \$62,000. That would indicate that the resolution that is before us today would do well if it managed to find recipients still surviving from World War I to receive a tenth of that amount.

Prior to 1943 when the current policy came into effect, all awards, pensions and gratuities with respect to gallantry had been paid to Canadians by the British Government. In June 1943, an Order in Council was passed which made the Canadian Government responsible for awards to Second World War veterans.

For reasons which have been long forgotten and are completely unknown to me, the Order excluded World War I veterans who, up to the present time are paid gratuities and