SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RIGHTS AND IMMUNITIES

COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEE

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport) for the President of the Privy Council moved:

That the members to act with Mr. Speaker on the Special Committee on Rights and Immunities of members be Messrs. Baldwin, Beaudoin, Fairweather, Gray, Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre), Prud'homme and Reid.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Speaker: Before proceeding to questions on the order paper, when introducing bills earlier, two bills of ministers were given first reading but I do not know whether the question was asked, "When shall the said bill be read the second time?" Perhaps in order to regularize the proceedings we might return to introduction of bills and take care of that.

AERONAUTICS ACT

MEASURE RESPECTING SECURITY PROGRAM TO BE CARRIED OUT BY FOREIGN AIR CARRIERS

Mr. Speaker: The House having given its assent to the introduction of this bill by the Minister of Transport (Mr. Lang), the motion for first reading of the bill was adopted, but the question, "When shall the said bill be read a second time?" was not put. Next sitting of the House?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Translation]

PROPRIETARY OR PATENT MEDICINE ACT, AND TRADE MARKS ACT

MEASURE TO EXTEND LICENCE DATE

[Translation]

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare) moved that Bill S-35 (from the Senate), to amend an Act to repeal the Proprietary or Patent Medicine Act and to amend the Trade Marks Act, be read the second time.

Mr. Speaker: When shall the said bill be read the second time?

Some hon. Members: Later.

Mr. Speaker: Next sitting of the House?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Order Paper Questions

[English]

OUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

Mr. J.-J. Blais (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I ask that all questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Is that agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Cossitt: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order regarding two unanswered questions on the order paper. The first is No. 3,359 which asks for details of any government business dealings with William Teron Associates, William Teron Limited, Mr. Teron personally or any other company with which he has had any connection, and what public funds are involved. I point out that this question first of all disappeared from the order paper entirely. This disappearance was, so-called, justified by an inaccurate reference to Beauchesne. I discussed the matter with the Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council and subsequently also with the President of the Privy Council, and the question was reinstated on the order paper. Six months have gone by and it has not been answered, and I think I have a very valid reason for rising and asking why not.

The second question I should like to refer to, No. 3,520, asks a very simple question. It asks for the name of the person from the Prime Minister's office who gave instructions that the Canadian television network would not be allowed to film furniture in cabinet ministers' offices even though certain cabinet ministers had agreed to allow this to be done. I think it is a valid question because the Canadian people have the right to know what they are paying for.

• (1530)

An hon. Member: It's a stupid question.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Cossitt: You may think it is stupid, but I can tell you that the Canadian people do not think it is.

An hon. Member: You just go back to sleep.

Mr. Cossitt: I would conclude by saying this: if it is a matter of giving us the name of who did this, it should not take six months; It could be answered in 24 hours. Having regard to the first question I raised about William Teron, I do not like to think or suggest this, but I am beginning to wonder whether the reason it is not answered is Mr. Teron's well-known connection with the Prime Minister and the Prime Minister's office.