

*Holidays Act***HOLIDAYS ACT**

## MEASURE TO AMEND

**Mr. John Reimer (Kitchener)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-256, an Act to amend the Holidays Act (Dominion Day).

**Mr. Speaker:** Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the said Bill?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Reimer:** I rise to introduce for first reading a Bill to amend the Holidays Act, to substitute "Dominion Day" for "Canada Day". The purpose of the Bill is to call July 1 "Dominion Day", to more faithfully reflect the original intent of the Fathers of Confederation in their selection of the name "Dominion of Canada" as a vision of a sovereign nation extending from sea to sea. It is important that all Canadians, whatever their ancestry, be united under the conviction that ours is and always must be a sovereign nation.

• (1110)

Surely no title better captivates the historical and political realities of Canada than "Dominion Day".

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

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**STRIKING COMMITTEE**

## CONCURRENCE IN TWENTIETH REPORT OF STRIKING COMMITTEE

**Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, with the consent of the House, I move that the twentieth report of the Striking Committee, presented to the House earlier this day, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

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**BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**

## ADDRESS OF PRESIDENT MITTERRAND TO BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

**Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, this next motion pertains to the visit of His Excellency the President of France, François Mitterrand, to Canada next week. The motion is as follows:

That notwithstanding any Standing or Special Order of this House, when the House adjourns on Friday, May 22, 1987, it shall stand adjourned until 11 o'clock a.m., on Tuesday, May 26, 1987.

That the Address of His Excellency François Mitterrand, President of the French Republic, to be delivered in the House Chamber on Monday, May 25, 1987, at 3 o'clock p.m., before Members of the Senate and Members of the House of Commons, together with all introductory and related remarks, be printed as an appendix to the *House of Commons Debates* of Tuesday, May 26, 1987, and form part of the records of this House; and

That media recording and transmission of such Address, introductory and related remarks be authorized pursuant to guidelines for this occasion issued by the Speaker of this House pursuant to consultation with the Parties' House Leaders, dated March 31, 1987; and

That Monday, May 25, 1987, be deemed a sitting day for the purpose of the Office of the Clerk being able to receive Order Paper notices.

**Mr. Speaker:** Does the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary have the unanimous consent of the House to move his motion?

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Jacques Guilbault (Saint-Jacques):** Mr. Speaker, the arrangements mentioned by the Parliamentary Secretary were discussed by the Parties, and we are pleased that this formula will enable the House to receive the President of France in a manner equivalent to the reception it gave the President of the United States, and we therefore give our consent.

[*English*]

**Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill):** Mr. Speaker, we too are in agreement. It will be interesting to see our Senators come into an elected Chamber.

**Mr. Lewis:** Mr. Speaker, I am tempted to make a comment with respect to decorum, in view of the remarks of the Hon. Member for Churchill (Mr. Murphy); but I will refrain from so doing.

**Mr. Speaker:** The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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**MULTICULTURALISM**

## WITHDRAWAL OF ESTIMATES AND REFERENCE TO STANDING COMMITTEE

**Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, my final motion, which again has been the subject of discussion among the House Leaders, deals with the estimates of the Multiculturalism Directorate. The motion is as follows:

That, notwithstanding the order made on March 2, 1987, the operating expenditures of the Multiculturalism Directorate under Vote 1 of the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1988, of the Department of the Secretary of State in the amount of \$5,536,000, together with the grants made by the said Directorate under Vote 5 of the Main Estimates of the said Department in the amount of \$14,505,000, as well as the contributions made by the Directorate under the same vote in the amount of \$3,262,000 be withdrawn from the Standing Committee on Secretary of State and be deemed referred to the Standing Committee on Multiculturalism pursuant to Standing Order 82(15).