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PRAYERS

STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER

MR. SPEAKER: May I refer to and invoke a practice which has arisen in recent years with regard to the introduction and first reading of Public Bills. On today's Order Paper there are listed some 149 bills for introduction by private Members. It was not practical or possible for the Chair to review the provisions of each of those bills. May I therefore suggest to the House that we adopt the procedure which was agreed upon in several recent sessions; namely, that we proceed to the introduction and first reading of those bills so that each may be scrutinized between now and its being called for second reading in order to allow the Chair to consider whether there is any defect in such bills in respect of the practices and usages of the House.

I suggest that by unanimous consent all the Public Bills listed for introduction on today's Order Paper be deemed to have been introduced, given first reading, ordered to be printed and to stand for second reading at the next sitting of the House subject of course to a subsequent examination as to the regularity of each bill. Is the procedure to which I have referred agreed to by the House? Agreed.

Accordingly, by unanimous consent, the following bills were deemed to have been introduced, read the first

time and ordered to be printed, and ordered for a second reading at the next sitting of the House:

Bill C-9, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (abolition of corporal punishment).—*Mr. MacDonald* (Egmont).

Bill C-10, An Act to restrain the use of tobacco.—*Mr. Mather*.

Bill C-11, An Act to amend the Territorial Sea and Fishing Zones Act.—*Mr. Anderson*.

Bill C-12, An Act to provide for the establishment of an Environment Council of Canada.—*Mr. Goode*.

Bill C-13, An Act to amend the Combines Investigation Act (floor penalties, criminal joint tortfeasors, and moieties).—*Mr. Orlikow*.

Bill C-14, An Act respecting boating safety.—*Mr. Mather*.

Bill C-15, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (publication of the result of opinion polls).—*Mr. Coates*.

Bill C-16, An Act to amend the Blue Water Bridge Authority Act (public and financial accountability).—*Mr. McCutcheon*.

Bill C-17, An Act to amend the Motor Vehicle Safety Act (seat belts).—*Mr. Mather*.

Bill C-18, An Act to amend the Canadian Citizenship Act.—*Mr. Allmand*.