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INTERPROVINCIAL LIVESTOCK TRADE ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

Mr. Vic Althouse (Mackenzie) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-254, an act respecting interprovincial livestock trade.

He said: Mr. Speaker, this bill provides that any interprovincial transaction where livestock are moved from one province and slaughtered in another, that the company operating the slaughterhouse and buying the livestock must be deemed to hold the funds for that transaction in trust to avoid a situation which occurs occasionally, where a packing house goes bankrupt and the producer is left with a year's work and no money.

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

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CANADA ELECTIONS ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops) moved for leave to introduce C-255, an act to amend the Canada Elections Act.

He said: The purpose of this bill is to lower the voting age in Canada to age 16 so that people 16 and older will be able to participate in federal elections.

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

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NATIONAL SPORT ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-256, an act to recognize hockey as a national sport.

He said: Mr. Speaker, there is an opinion held by some that lacrosse is actually our national sport—

Some hon. members: Hear, hear.

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Mr. Riis: Though all of us enjoy and admire the sport, the point is that lacrosse was never officially declared Canada's national sport, and considering the popularity of hockey across Canada, I am introducing this bill to declare hockey as our national sport.

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

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MAGNA CARTA DAY ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-257, an act respecting Magna Carta Day.

He said: Mr. Speaker, I think the title explains it adequately.

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

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CRIMINAL CODE

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-258, an act to amend the Criminal Code (cattle rustling and range cattle).

He said: Mr. Speaker, as most members of the House of Commons know, cattle rustling is a serious situation in much of Canada. We are suggesting with this legislation that we increase the penalties for cattle rustling. We are all aware of what the penalty was in the old days, but we do not permit that in Canada any longer so we want to increase the penalties to encourage people not to rustle cattle.

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

Mr. Attewell: Point of order, Mr. Speaker. I have a number of very important petitions of an urgent nature which I hope we get to soon. I do not know why this backlog of private members' bills occurred but I think you might find, if you ask the members, that there might be unanimous consent to proceed to the next step.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. members: No.