

and pernicious influence of the Liberal party. So, we are looking forward to a more substantial change after the next federal election.

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council): Without getting into a discussion as to the validity of the last proposition, may I say a word about the motion from a procedural point of view? The motion as it stands asks that following second reading the question be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections. There have been indications from members on all sides of the House that it might be better if the motion were amended so that the question would be referred to the Committee of the Whole. There seems to be some disposition to finalize the matter today, and perhaps this could be done with the consent of hon. members.

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): I am enjoying the humorous exchange between the mover of the motion and the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby. Perhaps, when the chips are down, they will have had the fun and we shall have the seat.

The suggestion of the parliamentary secretary is a reasonable one. It is a tradition in the House that members requesting changes in the names of their constituencies receive the approval of their colleagues, and we are all in favour of expedition.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): The House has heard the proposal of the parliamentary secretary. Is it agreed that the motion be changed accordingly? Perhaps we could agree to change the wording of the other similar motions so as to refer each of these bills to the Committee of the Whole House instead of to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): I wonder if the House would also agree to proceed with the motions for second reading of the remaining three bills, at this time? We could then study all four bills in committee of the whole without unnecessary loss of time.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Walter Deakon (High Park) moved that Bill C-74, respecting the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act, be read the second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

He said: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to change the name of the present federal constituency of

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High Park to High Park-Humber Valley. This change is asked for following the circulation of a questionnaire among constituents of the said riding, the result of which indicated that a majority desired the name to be changed. At present this federal constituency consists of parts of four provincial ridings, High Park, Humber, York West and York South. It contains within its boundaries two main parks, High Park and Humber Valley Park, one on either side of the Humber River. It is a very diversified riding and I submit that the change in name would result in a more accurate description of its component parts. I there respectfully solicit the support of the House for the passage of this bill.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Leonard Hopkins (Renfrew North) moved that Bill C-92, respecting the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act, be read the second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

He said: Mr. Speaker, the reason I ask for this change of name is, I believe, a very valid one. As the result of the last redistribution, my constituency of Renfrew North doubled in size. It is now the largest of the 77 constituencies south of North Bay in Ontario.

The riding consists of 49 townships in the District of Nipissing and 15 in the northern part of Renfrew County in addition to the City of Pembroke and the towns of Deep River, Mattawa, Bonfield and several villages, including Petawawa. The northern part of Renfrew County should not be identified with the town of Renfrew itself because the town of Renfrew has never been in the constituency of Renfrew North. There has always been some confusion over this; when I mention the name of my constituency people automatically begin talking about the town of Renfrew. It is my desire to retain the traditional name, Renfrew North, but to add to it Nipissing East so as to take in the 49 townships included in that part.

The County of Renfrew is the largest county in the province of Ontario and it is divided among three different constituencies and is part of each. It is my desire to consolidate these in Renfrew North—Nipissing East so that all the areas in the constituency shall be identified in the name of the riding.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

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[Translation]

Mr. Claude-G. Lajoie (Trois-Rivières) moved that Bill C-167, An Act respecting the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections.