

*Canada Elections Act*

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, may I just clarify the point. I welcome the indication given by the hon. gentleman, and I will take it up with his House leader. We have quite a number of bills that we would like to get through and I think all parties in the House would like to get them through. This is one of them, but I think that with co-operation we can accomplish many, many things within the next few days.

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**AGRICULTURE**

## TABLING OF INITIAL AND SUPPLEMENTARY NATIONAL EGG MARKETING AGREEMENTS

**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, as I said I would on two earlier occasions in this House, with the permission of the House I wish to table, under the provisions of Standing Order 41(2), copies in both official languages of both the initial and the supplementary national egg marketing agreements.

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[Translation]

**COMMUNICATIONS**

## TABLING OF REPORT OF INQUIRY ON BRITISH COLUMBIA TELEPHONE COMPANY, AND LETTER FROM MINISTER TO HON. E. J. BENSON

**Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Minister of Communications):** Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Section 41(2) of the Standing Orders, I wish to table in both official languages the report on an inquiry by the Department of Communications entitled "Review of the Procurement Practices and Policies and the Intercorporate Financial Relationships of the British Columbia Telephone Company", as well as a copy of the letter on the subject that I sent to the Hon. E. J. Benson, Chairman of the Transport Commission.

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[English]

**CANADA ELECTIONS ACT**

## MEASURE TO PROHIBIT PUBLICATION OR BROADCASTING OF RESULTS OF PUBLIC OPINION POLLS DURING ELECTIONS

**Mr. John Reynolds (Burnaby-Richmond-Delta)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-404, to amend the Canada Elections Act (opinion surveys).

He said: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to prohibit the publication of broadcasting of the results of public opinion polls taken during an election. It will not interfere with research, academic, commercial or political, which is kept confidential during an election so as not to influence the outcome.

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

[Mr. Marshall.]

**CANADA LABOUR CODE**

## MEASURE TO PROHIBIT AGE DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT AND TRADE UNION MEMBERSHIP

**Mr. John Reynolds (Burnaby-Richmond-Delta)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-405, to amend the Canada Labour Code (age discrimination).

He said: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to prohibit, where the Canada Labour Code applies, age discrimination in employment and trade union membership.

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

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[Translation]

**PRIVILEGE**

## MR. BEAUDOIN—REQUEST THAT SOLICITOR GENERAL RESIGN FOR ALLEGED BREACHING OF OATH OF OFFICE

**Mr. Beaudoin:** Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of our Standing Orders, I rise on a question of privilege. However, I would like to say that I do not do so for a matter of political resentment or in malice.

If a minister cannot do his duty because of a direct or indirect collusion with the underworld with a view to protecting it, or for another similar reason, and if moreover he publicly takes a unilateral position and attempts to convince the cabinet by threatening to resign so they will not apply the law which should be used in the circumstances, such as the death penalty provided at least for murderers of policemen and prison guards, he can only resign since he is violating his oath of office.

As a representative of the Canadian people, who are demanding that the sanctions provided in the existing law be applied, I have the duty to rise on a question of privilege and to ask all elected members of this House to intervene so that the Solicitor General of Canada may be replaced by someone who can take his responsibilities and who will not violate either the existing law or the wishes of the majority of Canadians.

**QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER**

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

[English]

**Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 2,247, 2,466, 2,539, 2,564, 2,632 and 2,788.

Mr. Speaker, if questions Nos. 1,786, 2,130 and 2,288 could be made orders for return, these returns would be tabled immediately.

Mr. Speaker, would you be so kind as to call starred questions Nos. 2,624 and 2,704?