

House of Commons Salary Increases

people of the United States for such a great achievement.

I also wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the Prime Minister for sending to the moon a message from Canada, both in French and English. We are sure that the voice of French Canadians has been heard the world over.

We also express the hope, as the Prime Minister did, that if we are capable of such a feat in 1969, all men of good will should co-operate in the future to feed mankind.

[English]

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**HOUSE OF COMMONS****SALARY INCREASE FOR MEMBERS OF STAFF**

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to lay upon the table of the house an extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Commissioners of Internal Economy held Friday, July 18, 1969, concerning revision of the salaries of employees of the House of Commons.

FINANCE, TRADE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**CONCURRENCE IN TWENTY-FIFTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

Mr. Gaston Clermont (Gatineau) moved that the twenty-fifth report of the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs, presented to the house on Friday, June 27, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

SYNTHETIC DETERGENTS MARKETING**PROVISION TO MAKE PRODUCTS BIO-DEGRADABLE**

Mr. David Anderson (Esquimalt-Saanich) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-213, respecting the marketing of synthetic detergents.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Anderson: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to make sure that all detergents marketed in Canada are bio-degradable. At present most are, but some products are imported and marketed here which are not. The bio-degradable constituent assists in preventing pollution after a detergent has been used.

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

[Mr. Dumont.]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND CAUSEWAY STUDIES

Question No. 1,832—**Mr. McCleave:**

1. Has the Stanford Research Institute report on the cost benefit evaluation of a Prince Edward Island causeway been reviewed by an independent economic authority and, if so, by whom and with what conclusion?

2. (a) Have any studies been carried out to indicate what subventions would be required if a corporation were formed to build, finance and operate the crossing (b) on what assumptions were these studies made and what did they indicate (c) what are the economic advantages or disadvantages of an immediate start on a crossing?

3. Have comparisons been made of the annual costs of a fixed crossing and of a ferry system projected over 50 years and, if so, with what results and conclusions?

4. What effect on the economic improvement plan recently agreed to between the governments of Canada and Prince Edward Island is anticipated if construction of a fixed crossing is begun (a) at once or (b) if delayed indefinitely?

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Department of Transport and the Department of Regional Economic Expansion as follows: 1. Yes, by C. B. Haver of Montreal for Northumberland Consultants Limited. The report however was prepared for internal use and as such the contents are confidential.

2. No.

3. Yes, an internal government study showed the discounted cost of a fixed crossing to be substantially more than the discounted cost of a ferry system over this period.

4. (a) The plan would require major revision; (b) No effect.

CARRAGEEN—EXTRACTION FROM IRISH MOSS

Question No. 2,188—**Mr. Macquarrie:**

1. What consideration is being given to the suggestion of the honourable Member for Cardigan (Mr. McQuaid, *Hansard* 1968, p. 3616) that a plant for the extraction of carrageen from Irish moss be built in the Maritimes?

2. If the matter is under consideration, what departments of government are involved in studying the feasibility of such a suggestion?

3. What amount of Irish moss was exported to (a) Denmark (b) the United States in the years 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968?

4. What was the cash value of part (3) above?