

REPRESENTATION ACT

AMENDMENT TO INCREASE ELECTORAL DISTRICTS
IN NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-14, to amend the Representation Act.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

CANADA GRAIN ACT

REVISION OF GRADES RESPECTING RAPESEED
AND MUSTARD SEED

Mr. Reynold Rapp (Humboldt-Melfort-Tisdale) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-15, to amend the Canada Grain Act (rape-seed and mustard seed).

Mr. McIlraith: Explain.

Mr. Rapp: The purpose of this bill is the same as the purpose of the measure I introduced at a previous session. The act requires a provision for new grading to bring it up to the standard that is needed by our exporters and by buyers in foreign countries.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

CANADA ELECTIONS ACT

AMENDMENT TO REDUCE AGE OF VOTERS

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-16, to amend the Canada Elections Act (age of voters).

Mr. Benidickson: Explain.

Mr. Howard: This bill merely seeks to allow electors to vote in Canada at the age of 18 as compared with the age of 21.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

PROVISION FOR DISTRIBUTION OF NAMES
OF CANDIDATES

Mr. Frank McGee (York-Scarborough) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-34, to amend the Canada Elections Act (campaign contributions).

Mr. Pickersgill: Explain.

Mr. McGee: Mr. Speaker, the specific purpose of this bill is to require the returning officer in each constituency to place in the hands of the electors immediately following the nomination of the candidates, the names of the candidates, the names and addresses of their official agents, in order to encourage campaign contributions on a broader and more democratic basis.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

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Proposed Legislation
HOUSE OF COMMONS ACTAMENDMENTS RESPECTING INTERNAL ECONOMY
COMMISSION

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-17, to amend the House of Commons Act (internal economy autonomy).

Mr. McIlraith: Explain.

Mr. Howard: The commissioners of internal economy are, apparently, appointed by virtue of the provision of section 16 of the House of Commons Act which provides that there shall be four members of the cabinet plus yourself, Mr. Speaker, to deal with expenditures of money relating to the House of Commons. I understand that this system was originally designed at the time of confederation because of the difficulty of transportation over the distances which many members had to travel in order to get to Ottawa. It was presumably felt that members of the cabinet, who were likely to have their homes in Ottawa, could attend to this work more conveniently.

However, the situation at the moment is that the cabinet itself, by virtue of its majority of four to one compared with Your Honour, has control over monetary and financial matters affecting the House of Commons and it would seem to me that this is not a desirable thing. The bill seeks to remove those provisions in order that the commissioners of internal economy might be selected by the house itself.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

AMENDMENT RESPECTING HOLDING OF
BY-ELECTIONS

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Bonavista-Twillin-gate) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-20, to amend the House of Commons Act (election writs for by-elections).

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Pickersgill: The purpose of this bill is to uphold the rights of parliament and the electorate by laying down definite prescriptions so that by-elections for vacancies in this house will be held within a reasonable period of time.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

FINANCE

PROVISION FOR PRINTING OF NEGOTIABLE INSTRU-
MENTS IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH

Mr. L. J. Pigeon (Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm) moved for leave to introduce Bill