

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, February 26, 1973

The House met at 2 p.m.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

### INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

#### CONCURRENCE IN FIRST REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

On the order: Motions.

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, there is, as is known, a motion standing in my name to concur in the first report of the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development. I would not desire to proceed with it today but it is urgent. Without cutting into the time of the House available for public business, I wonder whether I could put forward the suggestion that the House consider, by consent, dealing with this motion without debate so the House may have an opportunity to express its view on the need to enter into negotiations with the Yukon Native Brotherhood as soon as possible.

**Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon):** Mr. Speaker, we on this side of the House would be more than happy and eager to concur in the suggestion of the hon. member that the motion be put and carried without debate.

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, we on this side are agreeable to the proposal. We agree with the hon. member who, in explanation of seeking concurrence in the motion, said that the negotiating committee should begin its work as soon as possible. It may not be possible to meet the target outlined, but subject to that reservation we have no objection to this motion.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it my understanding from the discussions that have taken place that reference has been made to a motion standing in the name of the hon. member for Skeena?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Howard** moved that the first report of the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development, presented to the House Friday, February 16, 1973, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

## CANADA EVIDENCE ACT

### AMENDMENT TO MAKE OTHER SPOUSE COMPELLABLE WITNESS IN CASES WHERE SPOUSE CHARGED WITH ASSAULTING CHILD

**Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-152, to amend the Canada Evidence Act.

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

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## PROCEDURE AND ORGANIZATION

### REFERENCE TO STANDING COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER STANDING ORDERS AND PROCEDURE IN HOUSE AND COMMITTEES

On the order: Government Notices of Motions:

February 23, 1972—The President of the Privy Council:

That the Standing Committee on Procedure and Organization be authorized to consider the Standing Orders of the House and procedure in both the House and its committees with special regard to all the matters that Mr. Speaker suggested during the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth parliaments that may require the consideration of the said committee, and to report to the House its views on any facets thereof that may require reform and to recommend what manner of reform may be required;

And that the committee be authorized to travel outside of Canada during consideration of the aforementioned subject.

**Mr. Speaker:** Pursuant to section 2 of Standing Order 21, this notice of motion is transferred to and ordered for consideration under government orders at the next sitting of the House.

## QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

### BUTTER IMPORTS

Question No. 33—**Mr. Gleave:**

From January 1 to November 30, 1972, did Canada import butter and, if so (a) from what countries (b) in what quantities (c) at what price (d) what was the duty paid on the butter (e) which agency was responsible for importing the butter (f) at what price was the butter sold on the Canadian market?

**Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** In so far as Statistics Canada is concerned: (a) (b) and (c) Data for the month of November, 1972 is not yet available. The table below gives data on butter