

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, November 24, 1949

The house met at eleven o'clock.

PRIVATE BILLS

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 105

Mr. H. W. Winkler (Lisgar) moved:

That for the remainder of the session standing order 105 respecting the posting of private bills be suspended.

Mr. Knowles: Does this motion not require forty-eight hours' notice?

Mr. Speaker: I do not think so. In my view standing order 45 does not apply to private bills. It states:

Forty-eight hours' notice shall be given of a motion for leave to present a bill, resolution or address, for the appointment of any committee, or for placing a question on the order paper; but this rule shall not apply to bills after their introduction, or to private bills—

And so on.

Motion agreed to.

[Later:]

Mr. Speaker: It has been brought to my attention by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) that in connection with the motion moved by the hon. member for Lisgar (Mr. Winkler) the house probably should have considered standing order 116. In fact when the hon. member rose I thought he was going to bring standing order 116 to my attention rather than the question of notice. As hon. members will recall, we discussed this standing order one day this week. It reads:

Except in cases of urgent and pressing necessity, no motion for the suspension or modification of any standing order applying to private bills or petitions for private bills shall be entertained by the house until after reference is made to the committee on standing orders or to one of the committees charged with the consideration of private bills, and a report made thereon by one of such committees.

I delayed putting the motion to the house in order to give hon. members the opportunity to raise the question with regard to the committee on standing orders. When no one raised that question I took it for granted that the house agreed that this was a case of urgent and pressing necessity, and I allowed the motion to be put.

BANKING AND COMMERCE

CHANGE IN PERSONNEL OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Hon. Alphonse Fournier (Minister of Public Works) moved:

That the name of Mr. Helme be substituted for that of Mr. McCusker on the standing committee on banking and commerce.

Motion agreed to.

CUSTOMS ACT AMENDMENT

VALUE FOR DUTY OF GOODS IMPORTED—INQUIRIES AND INVESTIGATIONS, ETC.

Hon. J. J. McCann (Minister of National Revenue) moved the first reading of Bill No. 200 (from the Senate), to amend the Customs Act.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

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FIRST READINGS—SENATE BILLS

Bill No. 201, for the relief of Guy Merrill Desaulniers.—**Mr. Winkler.**

Bill No. 202, for the relief of Margaret May Lester Rajotte.—**Mr. Winkler.**

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

LABRADOR INDIANS AND ESKIMOS—MEDICAL SERVICES

Mr. Higgins:

What medical services have been provided for the Indians and Eskimos of Labrador?

Mr. Martin: While the federal government has given some assistance in emergency cases provision of medical services for the Indians and Eskimos in Labrador has been and has continued to be the responsibility of the Newfoundland government.

A. R. DECARY

Mr. Courtemanche:

1. Is Mr. A. R. Decary employed by the federal government in the province of Quebec, by the Department of Public Works?

2. If so, has he reached retirement age?

3. Why has he not been superannuated?