

Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): That is an example of the political purity I was talking about. It is great stuff.

Mr. Marchand (Kamloops-Cariboo): It is unfortunate that the commissions, at the time of the last redistribution under the act, did not have to provide their reasons for so doing, especially in relation to those boundaries which drew strong objections at the public hearings which were held. In my riding of Kamloops-Cariboo several decisions were made by the commission which appear to be against the sentiments expressed in section 13 (c) (i) and (ii) of the act. These subsections relate to special geographic considerations and community of interest.

In order to reach the northern sector of the Cariboo part of my riding I must travel through the communities of 100 Mile House and Williams Lake, both of which are part of the Coast-Chilcotin riding. I must do this to reach Quesnel. These three centres are on the Cariboo highway, but Quesnel is the most northerly. Even though Quesnel has a great deal in common with the rest of my riding, it makes little sense to have to travel through a large part of the constituency of Coast-Chilcotin. Using geographic

considerations, it would have been much more sensible to include Williams Lake and 100 Mile House in the Cariboo riding and have Quesnel attached to the Prince George-Peace River electoral district. I know there were objections raised by the community of Quesnel, the city council, the Chamber of Commerce and other citizens. They felt there was a very strong community of interest with Prince George and that they were not part of the Kamloops-Cariboo constituency. I am not making these remarks in any way to indicate that I am unhappy with having Quesnel as part of my riding. I have developed a great relationship with the people there. I know they have made a great contribution to the contribution I am able to make as a Member of Parliament.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. The hour provided for the consideration of private member's business has now expired. It being five o'clock, this House stands adjourned until Monday next at 2 p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 2 (1).

At five o'clock the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.