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elected member, not through people who sign, in an anonymous sort of way, a petition.

I therefore submit, with the greatest respect, that I should put a very strict interpretation upon this petition and find that the words that have already been referred to do cast a reflection and express an opinion upon a stand taken by the government. I submit that this ought not to be done by way of petition but ought to be done during the course of debate by elected members of this House.

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[Translation]

**ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES READJUSTMENT ACT**

MEASURE TO PROVIDE FOR CONSULTATION WITH MEMBER BEFORE REPORT PUBLISHED

Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-369, intituled: "An Act to amend the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act".

Some hon. Members: Explain!

Mr. Fortin: Mr. Speaker, I would say briefly that the purpose of this bill is to ask the commissioners, who trace the electoral boundaries of a riding, after the bill is passed to consult the members of the House of Commons before releasing their report to newspapers, in order to save money and make consultations really democratic and efficient.

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

[English]

AMENDMENT RESPECTING RURAL CONSTITUENCIES

Mr. John Reid (Kenora-Rainy River) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-370, to amend the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Reid: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to end the discrimination that exists in the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act against large rural ridings by permitting the commissioners to be able to use the 25 per cent leeway instead of having it work against large rural ridings, as is now the case.

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

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**THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF COMMONS ACT, THE SALARIES ACT AND THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES ACT**

AMENDMENTS RESPECTING SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES

On the order: Introduction of Bills.

December 13, 1974—The President of the Privy Council—Bill intituled: "An Act to amend the Senate and House of Commons Act, the Salaries Act and the Parliamentary Secretaries Act".

[Mr. Speaker.]

## Recommendation

His Excellency the Governor General recommends to the House of Commons a measure

(1) to amend the Senate and House of Commons Act

(a) to increase the salary of the Speaker of the Senate from \$9,000 to \$15,000 per annum;

(b) to increase the salary of the Speaker of the House of Commons from \$9,000 to \$20,000 per annum;

(c) to provide for a salary of \$5,000 per annum to the Deputy Speaker of the Senate;

(d) to increase the salary of the Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons from \$6,000 to \$10,000 per annum;

(e) to provide for a salary of \$6,000 per annum to the Deputy Chairman and Assistant Deputy Chairman of Committees of the House of Commons;

(f) to increase the sessional allowance paid to every Member of the Senate and of the House of Commons from \$18,000 to \$27,000 per annum;

(g) to increase the allowance paid to the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons from \$15,000 to \$25,000 per annum;

(h) to increase the allowance paid to a Member of the House of Commons, other than the Prime Minister or the Leader of the Opposition, who is the leader of a party that has recognized membership of twelve or more persons in the House, from \$4,000 to \$8,000 per annum;

(i) to increase the allowance paid to the Chief Government Whip and Chief Opposition Whip in the House of Commons from \$4,000 to \$6,000 per annum;

(j) to provide for an additional allowance to the Opposition House leader in the House of Commons in the amount of \$6,000 per annum;

(k) to increase the allowance paid to the Leader of the Government in the Senate from \$10,000 to \$16,000 per annum provided that such allowance shall not be paid if the person occupying that position is in receipt of a salary under the Salaries Act;

(l) to increase the allowance paid to the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate from \$6,000 to \$10,000 per annum;

(m) to provide for an additional allowance of \$5,000 per annum to the Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate and for an additional allowance of \$4,000 per annum to the Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Senate;

(n) to increase the expense allowance paid to Members of the Senate from \$3,000 to \$6,000 per annum;

(o) to increase the expense allowance paid to Members of the House of Commons

(i) if the Member represents an electoral district in Schedule III to the Canada Elections Act other than the electoral district in the Northwest Territories, from \$8,850 to \$13,275 per annum;

(ii) if the Member represents the electoral district in the Northwest Territories, from \$9,650 to \$14,475 per annum, and

(iii) if the Member represents an electoral district not referred to in subparagraph (i) or (ii), from \$8,000 to \$12,000 per annum;

(2) to amend the Salaries Act to increase the salary paid to the Prime Minister from \$25,000 to \$45,000 per annum; to increase the salaries paid to the Ministers listed in section 4 of the Act, from \$15,000 to \$25,000 per annum, and to increase the salary paid to each Minister of State being a member of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada who presides over a Ministry of State from \$15,000 to \$25,000 per annum;

(3) to amend the Parliamentary Secretaries Act to increase the salary paid to a parliamentary secretary from \$4,000 to \$6,000 per annum

and, except in the case of the expense allowance referred to in paragraph (o), to provide in the manner prescribed for an adjustment to continue for the duration of a Parliament, of the salaries and allowances described herein to commence at the beginning of the first session of each Parliament next after the 30th Parliament; and

(4) to provide that the measure shall be deemed to have come into force on July 8, 1974.