

No. 8

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF COMMONS

OF CANADA

OTTAWA, MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 1973

11.00 o'clock a.m.

PRAYERS

Mr. Drury, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, laid upon the Table,—Copies of Special Warrants issued under section 23 of the Financial Administration Act since the Dissolution of Parliament on September 1, 1972, together with schedules relating thereto. (English and French).—Sessional Paper No. 291-1/258.

to stand for second reading at the next sitting of the House subject of course to a subsequent examination as to the regularity of each bill. Is the procedure to which I have referred agreed to by the House? Agreed.

STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER

MR. SPEAKER: May I refer to the practice which has arisen in recent years with regard to the introduction and first reading of Public Bills. On today's Order Paper there are listed some 120 bills for introduction by private Members. It was not practical or possible for the Chair to review the provisions of each of those bills. May I therefore suggest to the House that we adopt the procedure which was agreed upon in recent sessions; namely, that we proceed to the introduction and first reading of those bills so that each may be scrutinized between now and its being called for second reading in order to allow the Chair to consider whether there is any defect in the bills in respect of the practices and usages of the House.

I suggest that by unanimous consent all the Public Bills listed in the names of private Members for introduction on today's Order Paper be deemed to have been introduced, given first reading, ordered to be printed and

Accordingly, by unanimous consent, the following bills were deemed to have been introduced, read the first time and ordered to be printed, and ordered for a second reading at the next sitting of the House:

Bill C-5, An Act to amend the Pension Benefits Standards Act (Information to Employees).—Mr. Rose.

Bill C-6, An Act to amend the National Housing Act (municipal water and soil pollution projects).—Mr. Alexander.

Bill C-7, An Act to amend the Statistics Act (area statistics).—Mr. MacDonald (Egmont).

Bill C-8, An Act to amend the Income Tax Act (section 239).—Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West).

Bill C-9, An Act to better assure the public's rights to freedom of access to public documents and information about government administration (administrative disclosure).—Mr. Mather.