

Routine Proceedings

[Translation]

COASTING TRADE ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

Hon. Don Mazankowski (on behalf of the President of the Treasury Board) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-33, an Act respecting the use of foreign ships and non-duty paid ships in the coasting trade.

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

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[English]

CONSTITUTION ACT, 1867

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. Stan Keyes (Hamilton West) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-270, an act to amend the Constitution Act 1867, oath of allegiance.

He said: Madam Speaker, since 1774, members have had to take an oath which has not borne any mention of Canada but to the Crown of Britain. Because of my respect for our institutions and traditions, this bill would not do away with the oath as it stands, but would build on it by having all members pledge allegiance to Canada as well as the Crown.

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

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GARNISHMENT, ATTACHMENT AND PENSION DIVERSION ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. Peter Milliken (Kingston and the Islands) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-271, an act respecting the diversion of pension benefits payable in respect of service in the Canadian Forces.

He said: Madam Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to ensure a more equitable distribution of pension funds accumulated by members of the armed forces upon break-up of their marriages.

The government has indicated over the years that it intends to make changes in this area of the law. I am simply trying to speed up the process.

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

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. Peter Milliken (Kingston and the Islands) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-272, an act to amend the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act.

He said: Madam Speaker, this bill is one to amend the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act. The amendments were inspired in the course of reading the annual report of the RCMP Public Complaints Committee.

The Public Complaints Committee recommended a series of changes to the act. I took the liberty of having the complaints drafted as legislation. I am introducing them in the House for the purpose of discussion. I believe that only by drafting these kinds of things into bills can we usefully use the reports that are submitted to this House. I felt it a useful exercise for the House to go through, to study the proposals in detail. That is the purpose of the bill and I invite hon. members to consider the changes to the RCMP Act in accordance with the report of that body.

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

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FINANCE

AUTHORIZATION FOR STANDING COMMITTEE TO TRAVEL

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Madam Speaker, I seek consent for three motions which I will present one at a time.

I move:

That the Standing Committee on Finance and necessary staff be authorized to travel to Washington, to study the American experience with spending control legislation, from September 22 to September 24, 1991.

• (1610)

Madam Deputy Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion.

An hon. member: Point of order, Madam Speaker.