

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, March 17, 1972

The House met at 11 a.m.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

### POWER

JAMES BAY HYDROELECTRIC DEVELOPMENT—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka):** Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43 I rise to propose a motion with reference to the proposed James Bay power project. There is some urgency that the federal involvement in this project be clarified and discussed in an open manner. Premier Bourassa has recently disclosed that he has had discussions on this matter with the Prime Minister, although that hon. member has been very elusive in response to questions.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. the hon. member should present his motion.

**Mr. Aiken:** Yes, Mr. Speaker. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Baldwin):

That in the opinion of this House the government should set up an interdepartmental committee to work with the appropriate parliamentary committee to co-ordinate the federal responsibility such as Indian affairs, navigable waters, environment, in the James Bay power project.

**Mr. Speaker:** The motion submitted by the hon. member under the terms of Standing Order 43 requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** I am not sure whether there is unanimous consent. I will inquire again.

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** The nays are now more hearty. Apparently there is not unanimous consent.

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[Translation]

### ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES READJUSTMENT ACT

#### MEASURE TO CHANGE NAME OF CONSTITUENCY

**Mr. Rosaire Gendron (Témiscouata)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-172, an Act respecting the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act.

**Some hon. Members:** Explain.

**Mr. Gendron:** Mr. Speaker, I think that this bill is self explanatory and does not require any special comment, except to say that it tends to add the name "Rivière-du-Loup" to the constituency of Témiscouata, so that we may again use the very well known name of "Rivière-du-Loup—Témiscouata".

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

[English]

## ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

### AUDITOR GENERAL

REQUEST THAT REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1971, BE PUBLISHED EVEN IF PARLIAMENT NOT IN SESSION

**Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Finance, who is probably seeing whether it is safe to prepare a budget, I will direct my question to the Prime Minister. Having in mind the statement made by the Auditor General that his annual report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1971, will not be available to be presented until May of this year, will the Prime Minister assure this anxious House and the country that, if Parliament is not then in session, the report and its contents will be made public right away?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** The question is hypothetical, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Hees:** What about what you said to the blonde the other day?

• (1110)

**Mr. Baldwin:** I should like the Prime Minister to review that answer in view of the fact that if an election campaign is then pending and as government waste and extravagance will be one of the main issues in that campaign—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.