

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday March 11, 1969

The house met at 2 p.m.

THE ROYAL ASSENT

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the house that I have received the following communication:

Ottawa, March 11, 1969

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Right Hon. J. R. Cartwright, P.C., M.C., Chief Justice of Canada, acting as Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General, will proceed to the Senate chamber today, the 11th March, at 5.45 p.m. for the purpose of giving Royal Assent to certain bills.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,
Louis-Frémont Trudeau
Brigadier General

Assistant Secretary, to the Governor General.

Knowles), to move the adjournment of the house under Standing Order 26, for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter requiring urgent public consideration, namely the serious deterioration in employer-employee relations in the Post Office Department, and the need for the immediate appointment of a new Postmaster General—

• (2:10 p.m.)

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Orlikow:—who will establish good relations with the employees of the Post Office and restore the service of the department to levels commensurate with the needs of the Canadian people.

Mr. Speaker: As hon. members know, the rules of the house require that a notice of motion proposed under Standing Order 26 should be filed at least two hours prior to the opening of a sitting. I regret to say that the hon. member has not complied with this requirement. I suggest to hon. members that there is no discretion, under the rules, which would allow the Speaker to overlook this very specific requirement. In any event—and this may be some consolation to the hon. member—I think that the considerations outlined by the Chair yesterday in connection with the proposed motion of the hon. member for Hillsborough (Mr. Macquarrie) would apply also today in connection with this proposed motion.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

DOMINION CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS ACT

YUKON—CERTIFICATE OF JUDGMENT IN MATTER OF ELECTION

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the house that I have received from the Hon. Mr. Justice A. Bruce Robertson, a judge of the Court of Appeal of British Columbia and the Hon. Mr. Justice Victor L. Dryer, a judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, the two judges appointed for the trial of a petition pursuant to the Dominion Controverted Elections Act, a certificate of judgment in the matter of an election in the electoral district of Yukon.

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 26

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

ALLEGED DETERIORATION IN EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE RELATIONS—MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER STANDING ORDER 26

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, I ask leave, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr.

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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

REQUEST FOR THIRD PARTY MEDIATION TO AVERT WALKOUTS

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Postmaster General. I ask him whether, in the light of the possibility of a further walkout in Winnipeg and the probability of a walkout in Montreal on Thursday, he will take the initiative to have a third party mediate the root causes of the dissatisfaction in his department with regard to these disputes, rather than depending upon