

provinces. There is nothing favourable or interesting for the provinces in the white paper. The latter have as well as the municipalities tried to give to understand to the government that their obligations were increasing from year to year and that they had to make do with constantly decreasing budgets.

[English]

THE ROYAL ASSENT

A message was delivered by Major C. R. Lamoureux, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:

Mr. Speaker, the Honourable the Deputy Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this honourable House in the chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the House went up to the Senate chamber.

And being returned:

Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Deputy Governor General had been pleased to give, in Her Majesty's name, the Royal Assent to the following bills:

An Act to amend the Customs Tariff and to make a consequential amendment to the Excise Tax Act

An Act to amend the Judges Act

An Act to amend the Excise Tax Act

An Act to authorize the provision of moneys to meet certain capital expenditures of the Canadian National Railways System and Air Canada for the period from the 1st day of January, 1969, to the 30th day of June, 1970, and to authorize the guarantee by Her Majesty of certain securities to be issued by the Canadian National Railway Company and certain debentures to be issued by Air Canada

An Act to authorize provisional payments for the 1969-70 crop year in respect of unthreshed grain in the prairie provinces

An Act to amend the Children of War Dead (Educational Assistance) Act

An Act to amend the Company of Young Canadians Act

An Act to amend An Act to amend the Income Tax Act

An Act to amend Schedule A of the Bank Act

An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending 31st March, 1970.

Mr. Speaker: It being one o'clock I do now leave the chair.

At 1.09 p.m. the House took recess.

Taxation Reform

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

BROADCASTING

REFERRAL OF REPORT OF RADIO-TELEVISION COMMISSION TO STANDING COMMITTEE

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, before we proceed with the debate may I ask the permission of the House to revert to motions.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Does the House give unanimous agreement to reverting to motions?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): I should like to put the following motion:

That the report of the Canadian Radio-Television Commission for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1969, tabled in the House on October 22, 1969, be referred to the Standing Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts.

This matter has been discussed among the representatives of the parties.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is this agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

FINANCE, TRADE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

REFERENCE TO STANDING COMMITTEE OF WHITE PAPER ON TAXATION REFORM

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Benson (for Mr. Macdonald, Rosedale):

That the white paper entitled Proposals for Tax Reform tabled in the House on November 7, 1969, be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs.

[Translation]

Hon. Théogène Ricard (Saint-Hyacinthe): Mr. Speaker, at the time of adjournment I was saying that provinces and municipalities are more than ever hard pressed to meet their obligations and discharge their responsibilities. One would have thought that a study of the fiscal situation would have led