

Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act

Employee Names	Classification & Level	Salary Range
Rice, B. A.	OEMEO 4	\$18,239 to \$20,588.
MacInnis, W. M.	OEMEO 3	\$16,676 to \$18,813.
Mitchell, C. E.	OEMEO 3	\$16,676 to \$18,813.
Chaddock, P.	STOCE 2	\$16,380 to \$17,866.
McCarthy, T. G.	STOCE 2	\$16,380 to \$17,866.
Mifflin, G.	STSCY 2	\$17,991 to \$19,671.

Note: Salary Range as of January 1, 1983.

[Translation]

Mr. Evans: I suggest, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The questions enumerated by the Parliamentary Secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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[English]

ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES READJUSTMENT ACT

OBJECTIONS TO COMMISSIONS' REPORTS RESPECTING QUEBEC, ONTARIO, BRITISH COLUMBIA, NEWFOUNDLAND AND NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

The House proceeded to the consideration of objections to the reports of the Electoral Boundaries Commissions for the Provinces of Quebec, Ontario, British Columbia, Newfoundland and the Northwest Territories.

Mr. Nielsen: Mr. Speaker, I have a point of order affecting the conduct of the debate on these reports. The Chair will recall that yesterday a House Order was passed by unanimous consent. Its text is to be found at page 6155 of yesterday's *Votes and Proceedings*. It was ordered:

That, on Friday September 16, 1983, upon reaching Orders of the Day, the House shall take up and consider the objections to the Reports of the Electoral Boundaries Commissions for the Provinces of Quebec, Ontario, British Columbia and Newfoundland and for the Northwest Territories;

That, at 3:00 o'clock p.m., consideration of the objections shall be adjourned; and

That the reports of the Commissions be referred back to the Chief Electoral Officer when consideration of the objections is completed by the House.

Sir, my point of order relates to the procedures to be followed by the House in dealing with Members' objections to the reports of the Electoral Boundaries Commission for the Provinces of Newfoundland, Quebec, Ontario, British Columbia, and the Northwest Territories. The House Order passed yesterday stipulates that the objections be taken up and be considered between the end of Routine proceedings today and three o'clock p.m. However, Mr. Speaker, the House Order failed to stipulate the manner in which these objections would be dealt with. My colleague, the Hon. Member for Esquimalt-Saanich (Mr. Munro), rose to seek clarification of the procedure to be followed and the Government House Leader indicated the objections would not be dealt with seriatim but that any objection could be addressed in any way by any Member.

I submit, Sir, that the rules and practices of this House do not permit objections to be considered in this manner unless the procedure is clearly spelled out in the House Order. Looking back to the procedure followed in 1966, one can see that the practices of the House were to consider each objection to each report individually.

I do not want to take up too much of the House's time with this but I will refer you to one specific example of this procedure. At page 4424 of *Hansard* for April 28, 1966, the following words are found:

MR. SPEAKER: On February 15 last a notice of objection in the form of a motion was filed with me in the following terms:

I will not read the motion. He then went on to say:

This is objection No. 11 and can be found at page 22 of the pamphlet distributed to Hon. Members.

At page 4432 of *Hansard* for the same day we see that the debate on this objection is completed and the House moves on to consider the next objection. The Speaker's words on that occasion were as follows:

THE ACTING SPEAKER (MR. RINFRET): Has the house concluded its consideration of objection No. 11 concerning the province of New Brunswick?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

THE ACTING SPEAKER (MR. RINFRET): The House having considered this objection, it will be my duty pursuant to section 20 of the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act to refer the report of the Boundaries Commission, together with a copy of the objection and also a copy of the debates of the house, back to the commission for reconsideration thereof. We shall now proceed with the consideration of the objection concerning the province of Alberta, Objection No. 2, found on pages 2 and 3 of the pamphlet.

In 1976, the next debate on the reports of the Electoral Boundaries Commission, the Government House Leader anticipated procedures which would have to be followed and moved a motion before each debate that permitted objections to different reports to be considered at the same time. Examples of these motions can be found at pages 11706, 12363 and 12412 of *Hansard* for 1976. With your permission, Mr. Speaker, I would like to read one of those motions into the record for sake of comparison with yesterday's House Order. It is to be found at page 11706 of *Hansard* for March 11, 1976:

That at 8:00 p.m. this day the House shall take up consideration of objections to the report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission for the province of Nova Scotia;

That, after completion of consideration of the said report, the House shall take up consideration of objections to the report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia, but, if consideration of the report for Nova Scotia has not been completed at 8:40 p.m., the said consideration shall be adjourned and the House shall proceed forthwith to consideration of the report for British Columbia; and

That, after completion of consideration of the said report for British Columbia, the House shall take up consideration of objections to the report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission for Alberta, but, if consideration of the report for British Columbia has not been completed at 9:20 p.m., the said consideration shall be adjourned and the House shall proceed forthwith to consideration of the report for Alberta—

That motion was agreed to on the following page of *Hansard* for that day. At page 12363 of *Hansard* for April 1, 1976, the then House Leader, Mr. Sharp, said: