

Banking and Commerce Committee

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Speaker, on the question of privilege—

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Mr. Speaker: Order. I doubt very much if this is a question of privilege, but in view of the importance attached to it by the hon. member, the short discussion we have had has not done any harm. It is up to the chairman of each committee to run his own committee and not to ask for instructions from the minister concerned. Matters are referred to the committee, and it seems to me that the committee is in charge of its own affairs.

BANKING AND COMMERCESECOND AND THIRD REPORTS OF
STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. L. T. Pennell (Brant-Haldimand) presented the second and third reports of the standing committee on banking and commerce, and asked for unanimous consent to move that the third report be concurred in.

[Translation]

Mr. Gilles Grégoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, we are unwilling to give the unanimous consent so that the report be concurred in now. We want to have the time to see it so as to be sure that we will not be taken in again by the Minister of Transport as we were the last time.

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Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Grégoire: No; 48 hours' notice.

Mr. Speaker: Is there or is there not unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Grégoire: There is not.

TRANS-CANADA AIR LINESWINNIPEG MAINTENANCE BASE—APPOINTMENT OF
COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): I should like to table order in council P.C. 1964/857 of June 11, appointing Mr. D. A. Thompson, Q.C., of the city of Winnipeg a commissioner under part I of the Inquiries Act to inquire into and report upon problems relating to the future of the aircraft overhaul base maintained by Trans-Canada Air Lines at Winnipeg international airport, and other related matters.

I should like also, for the convenience of hon. members, to table a letter I addressed to

[Mr. Caouette.]

Mr. Thompson yesterday, the text of which was agreed upon with the government of Manitoba, setting out the scope and nature of the review.

CANADIAN CONSTITUTIONINQUIRY AS TO CONSIDERATION OF
PROPOSED AMENDMENT

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Hon. Léon Balcer (Three Rivers): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister.

Could he tell the house if he has been officially notified by the Quebec government that the provincial legislature has approved the constitutional amendment concerning the pension plan?

If so, could the Prime Minister tell us whether he intends to adjourn the debate on the first flag resolution in order to discuss the pension legislation, or to wait until the debate on the first flag is over?

[Text]

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, as my hon. friend knows, the resolution was passed last evening in the legislature in Quebec. Official notification of the action of the Quebec legislature is now in the post and I have heard about it by telephone. We will be putting a resolution forward for the order paper this afternoon which will permit discussion of the matter in this house on Thursday.

[Translation]

Mr. L. J. Pigeon (Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether he intends to give up definitely the resolution on the union jack so as to save the time of the House of Commons?

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Mr. Speaker: This question is out of order.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRSCYPRUS—REPORTED CONSCRIPTION OF GREEKS
INTO PERMANENT ARMY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs and draw his attention to the report that the government of Cyprus is now conscripting