

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, September 27, 1967

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

[Translation]

HEADS OF STATE

PROVISION FOR INCLUSION OF O CANADA IN SALUTE

Mr. Auguste Choquette (Lotbinière) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-152, intituled "An Act respecting the salute to the head of state".

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Choquette: Mr. Speaker, when the national anthem of a friendly nation is booed by a crowd, it is always an odious sight.

In Canada, an obsolete and colonialist protocol fosters that type of deplorable incident which, amongst others, occurred when General de Gaulle, arriving on the *Colbert*, set foot on Quebec soil. An anthem other than that of Canada was immediately intoned.

The purpose of this bill is to correct an annoying anachronism and to allow the anthem "O Canada" to serve as a salute to the head of state, in the presence of the governor general, since the latter represents first and foremost the head of state of Canada.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

[English]

CORPORATE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

PROVISION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF DEPARTMENT, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONNEL, ETC.

Hon. John N. Turner (Registrar General) moved that the house go into committee at the next sitting to consider the following resolution, which has been recommended to the house by His Excellency:

That it is expedient to introduce a measure to establish a Department of Corporate and Consumer Affairs; to provide for the appointment of a minister and a deputy minister and for their duties and powers; to provide that the governor in council may establish a consumer advisory council and other bodies to assist the minister and for the remuneration and expenses of the members thereof; and to provide for certain other matters related or incidental thereto.

Motion agreed to.

POST OFFICE ACT

AMENDMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR INCREASES IN POSTAL RATES, ETC.

Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Postmaster General) moved that the house go into committee at the next sitting to consider the following resolution, which has been recommended to the house by His Excellency:

That it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend the Post Office Act to increase by one cent the postage rates for letters posted in Canada for delivery in Canada; to provide an amended rate structure for newspapers and periodicals; and to provide further for certain changes in connection with the administration of the act, more especially in relation to tenders and contracts.

Motion agreed to.

EMERGENCY GOLD MINING ASSISTANCE ACT

PROVISION FOR EXTENSION OF APPLICATION

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources) moved that the house go into committee at the next sitting to consider the following resolution, which has been recommended to the house by His Excellency:

That it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend the Emergency Gold Mining Assistance Act to extend its application to the years 1968, 1969 and 1970.

Motion agreed to.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS—POWERS OF MAGISTRATES

Question No. 148—**Mr. Mather:**

Has the Prime Minister received petitions in support of private member's bills C-155 (1966) and C-38 (1967) extending the powers of magistrates in dealing with cases of cruelty to animals and, if so (a) how many petitions were received (b) in what form (c) from residents of which provinces (d) what consideration is being given to such petitions?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Prime Minister's and Privy Council offices and the Department of Justice as follows: Yes. (a) 2,950 containing 3,668 signatures; (b) Letters, cards and lists of signatures; (c) All except New Brunswick; (d)