

*House of Commons*

## LABOUR, MANPOWER AND IMMIGRATION

**Mrs. Ursula Appolloni (York South):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the first report of the Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration, in both official languages.

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## PUBLIC SERVICE

## TABLING OF ANNUAL REPORTS RESPECTING SUPERANNUATION ACT AND SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFITS ACT

**Mr. Thomas H. Lefebvre (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Treasury Board):** Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the President of the Treasury Board, and pursuant to Standing Order 41(2), I take pleasure in tabling, in both official languages, the 1976-77 annual report on the Public Service Superannuation Act, and the 1976-77 annual report on the Supplementary Benefits Act.

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## HOUSE OF COMMONS

## MEASURE RESPECTING DURATION OF PARLIAMENTS

**Mr. Douglas Roche (Edmonton-Strathcona)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-429, respecting the duration of every House of Commons.

**Some hon. Members:** Explain.

**Mr. Roche:** Mr. Speaker, I can explain this bill very briefly. Its purpose is to standardize the time for federal elections in this country so that a general election would be held every four years on the third Monday of June. In the event that a government loses the confidence of parliament, then an election would be held immediately, and thus parliamentary democracy would be preserved. The present system during majority parliaments turns election dates into protracted guessing games that disrupt the normal flow of business both within and without parliament. The selection of the election date ought not to be at the political whim of the Prime Minister, but should be fixed in law for the good of the country.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. With some procedural reservations about whether that has to do with the duration of parliament or the duration of the House of Commons, I am prepared to put the motion.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

[Mr. MacGuigan.]

## CANADA STUDENT LOANS ACT

## MEASURE TO AMEND

**Hon. John Roberts (Secretary of State)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-37, to amend the Canada Student Loans Act.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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## CANADA COUNCIL ACT

## MEASURE TO CHANGE COUNCIL NAME

**Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-430, to amend the Canada Council Act (Killam-Dunn).

**Some hon. Members:** Explain.

**Mr. Forrestall:** Mr. Speaker, the explanatory notes with respect to this are very brief. It is in recognition of the contribution to the establishment of the Canada Council by two great industrialists and Canadians, Mr. Killam and Mr. Dunn. The purpose of this bill is to recognize, as I have indicated, the special and significant contribution of the late Sir Isaac Walton Killam and the late Sir James Dunn, two Canadian industrialists and philanthropists, which made possible in a very significant way the establishment of what is now the Canada Council. This bill would change the name of the Canada Council to the Killam-Dunn Council.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

## MEASURE TO CHANGE COUNCIL NAME

**Mr. Fred McCain (Carleton-Charlotte)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-431, to amend the Canada Council Act (Killam-Dunn).

**Some hon. Members:** Explain.

**Mr. McCain:** Mr. Speaker, the introduction of this bill is for a purpose parallel to that of the hon. member for Dartmouth-Halifax East (Mr. Forrestall). It is in recognition of the fact that these two gentlemen, who were born in the Atlantic area, contributed to Canada's welfare and in turn contributed indirectly, but by the will of parliament, to the formation of the Canada Council. Their names should be remembered as the Canadians who created this fund. Therefore, it should be named the Killam-Dunn Foundation.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.