

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, November 21, 1966

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

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PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF MISS CANADA

Mr. Ron Basford (Vancouver-Burrard): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. May I point out that the house is blessed today with the presence in the gallery of Miss Barbara Kelly of Vancouver, recently elected Miss Canada.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax): On a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker; with that shape she could not be a Liberal.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

ECONOMIC COUNCIL OF CANADA

TABLING OF THIRD ANNUAL REVIEW

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I should like to table copies, in English and French, of the third annual review of the Economic Council of Canada, on prices, productivity and employment.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

PROSECUTION UNDER OFFICIAL SECRETS ACT

Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, I beg to advise the house that as a result of the investigation which I referred to on November 1 last, an employee of the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources was charged on Saturday with two offences under the Official Secrets Act. The investigation has not implicated any other employee of the government, nor are any other charges contemplated against any other individual in relation to this matter.

NATURAL GAS

COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN TRANS-CANADA PIPE LINES AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, on

November 16 last, as reported at page 9953 of *Hansard*, the parliamentary secretary to the Secretary of State answered in the following way:

Notice of motion No. 175 is acceptable to the government subject to the reservations respecting all correspondence marked personal and confidential.

The hon. member for York South, who is the author of the motion, had agreed with me that the request should be limited to "a second pipe line project", and to "the Great Lakes project". I should like that to be recorded in *Hansard* if the hon. member for York South agrees.

Mr. David Lewis (York South): I have no objection, Mr. Speaker. It is understood that it is not necessarily limited to the Great Lakes project, but any other second line which may have been discussed in such correspondence.

Mr. Pepin: Agreed.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

MEASURE TO ESTABLISH DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-246, to create a Department of Consumer Affairs.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mrs. MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, the intention of this bill is to create a department of consumer affairs for the protection of consumers throughout Canada, and to bring all such matters within the jurisdiction of one minister. Its purpose also is to abolish certain nefarious selling practices such as trading stamps, "cents off", gimmicks in packages, size designations such as "jumbo", "giant" and "family", and other practices detrimental to the interests of the consumer.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.