

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, March 2, 1967

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Fourteenth report of standing committee on public accounts—Mr. Hales.

[*Note: Text of the foregoing report appears in today's Votes and Proceedings.*]

● (2:40 p.m.)

CANADA CORPORATIONS ACT

AMENDMENTS TO CLARIFY PREVIOUS CHANGES IN ACT

Hon. L. T. Pennell (for the Registrar General) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-275, to amend the Canada Corporations Act.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Pennell: I ask for the indulgence of the house. I understand that the Acting Registrar General will be with us in just a moment.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the desire of the house that this motion be allowed to stand for a moment and does the house agree to revert to this item of business in due course?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[*Later:*]

Mr. Pennell: Mr. Speaker, may I ask leave of the house to revert to introduction of bills so the Acting Registrar General may give the explanation requested by hon. members?

Mr. Speaker: Does the house agree to revert to introduction of bills?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Hon. John N. Turner (Acting Registrar General) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-275, to amend the Canada Corporations Act.

He said: Mr. Speaker, I thank the house for its courtesy in reverting to this item, and I apologize for not being here when it was called. This bill is merely a series of technical amendments to the Canada Corporations Act. It does not involve any major policy changes, and is only of a housekeeping nature.

Motion agreed and bill read the first time.

PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES ACT

AMENDMENT TO INCREASE NUMBER WHO MAY BE APPOINTED

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister) 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 Parliamentary Secretaries Act to provide for an increase in the number of parliamentary secretaries who may be appointed under the act.

Motion agreed to.

INDUSTRY

SPEECH BY MINISTER RESPECTING WAGE PARITY WITH U.S.

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, better known as the hon. member for Essex East (Mr. Martin). Did he receive a telegram yesterday from Mr. Burt regarding the statement made by his colleague the Minister of Industry, and can he tell us whether he replied to this telegram? If so, what was the gist of his reply?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): My hon. friend, of course, must know that I receive many communications from the United Automobile Workers. We work together a great deal.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): With regard to the particular question asked, I did receive a telegram concerning a report I had seen in the newspapers of a speech by my colleague the Minister of Industry. I replied that my views have been well known and continue to be well known on this subject, namely, that the collective bargaining process is one that must not, in normal circumstances, be interfered with by government.

I have since had an opportunity of looking at the speech of my colleague the Minister of Industry, and I find no reference whatever in that speech to the automobile industry. The same applies to what my hon. friend sought to attribute to the Prime Minister yesterday.