

*References to Standing Committees*

**Mr. Speaker:** Perhaps the minister could do that first, and then we could see whether there is an objection.

**Mr. MacEachen:** The proposed motion would read:

That a special joint committee of the Senate and House of Commons be established to consider and report upon matters bearing upon the development of the national capital region, including the programs and operations of the National Capital Commission;

That 15 Members of the House of Commons to be designated by the House at a later date be the members on the part of this House of the special joint committee;

That the said committee have the power to send for persons, papers and records and examine witnesses; to sit during sittings and adjournments of the House; to print such papers and evidence from day to day as may be deemed advisable; and to adjourn from place to place within Canada;

That the said committee present a final report within 90 days of the adoption of this resolution taking into account the evidence given before the Special Joint Committee on the National Capital Region established in June, 1975, and the evidence given before the newly established joint committee;

That a message be sent to the Senate requesting that House to unite with this House for the above purpose, and to select, if the Senate deems it advisable, some of its members to act on the proposed special joint committee;

That the quorum of the Special Joint Committee on the National Capital Region be fixed at eleven (11) members, provided that both Houses are represented, whenever a vote, resolution or other decision is taken, and that the joint chairmen be authorized to hold meetings to receive and authorize the printing of evidence, when a quorum is not present, so long as five (5) members are present, provided that both Houses are represented; and

That the Special Joint Committee on the National Capital Region be authorized to retain the services of advisers and such additional professional, stenographic and clerical staff as is required during the committee's consideration and review of matters bearing upon the development of the national capital region.

● (1522)

**Mr. Speaker:** Does the minister have the consent of the House to propose that motion at this time?

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, despite my permanent caveat against joint committees, I will not object to the putting of this motion.

[Translation]

**Mr. Lambert:** Mr. Speaker, I just want to make a remark. I would very much have liked to receive the text of this motion in the two languages, because I feel more comfortable with the French language. So I thank the gentleman who just brought it to me and I might add that I agree with this resolution.

[English]

**Mr. Speaker:** The House has given its consent to the motion proposed by the minister.

**Mr. Jones:** Mr. Speaker, I do not agree with this motion.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

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[Translation]

### QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

[Mr. MacEachen.]

**Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 66, 178 and 457.

I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

[Text]

INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE POSTS LOCATED IN BRITAIN AND FRANCE

Question No. 66—**Mr. Jones:**

Are any Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce posts located in (a) England (b) France and, if so, in each case, how many?

**Mr. Bernard Loiselle (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** There are two posts located in Britain, namely, London and Glasgow and one in France, Paris.

### BUREAU OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Question No. 178—**Mr. McKenzie:**

1. What is the total number of persons under contract to the Bureau of Intellectual Property and how many are retired public servants?

2. What was the total amount in (a) 1975 (b) 1976 paid to those under contract and how much of this was to retired public servants?

**Mr. Alan G. Martin (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** 1. As at October 3, 1977 eight, of which none is a retired public servant.

2. (a) 1975-76, \$2,140.70. No retired public servants were contracted during this period. (b) 1976-77, \$25,886.91. No retired public servants were contracted during this period.

### EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS

Question No. 457—**Mr. Leggatt:**

In each fiscal year since 1970, what amount was spent in the Constituency of New Westminster by the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and those agencies that report to it?

**Mr. Alan G. Martin (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada does not record expenditures by constituency. Therefore, exact amounts spent in the constituency of New Westminster are not available.

[English]

**Mr. Dick:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I did want to put a question to the Parliamentary Secretary to the President of Privy Council. In the first session of this parliament I put a question on the order paper on June 15, 1976, No. 5,752. This was moved forward to the second session, where on Monday, June 6, 1977, it was question No. 1,380. It has now been moved forward into this third session, and on Monday, November 28, appeared as question No. 29. I am wondering whether the Parliamentary Secretary to the President of Privy Council would indicate when the government is going to answer this question, which deals with Consolidated Computer