

*Proposed Legislation*

that is now on the order paper and any other further, subsequent legislation in this general field.

**Mr. Speaker:** I seem to sense a spirit of agreement to this proposal which has been made. I think no order of the house is necessary at this time, but the course suggested might be followed as and when the opportunity occurs in the course of this debate.

**SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 1960-61**

A message from His Excellency the Governor General transmitting supplementary estimates for the financial year ending March 31, 1961, was presented by Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Minister of Finance), read by Mr. Speaker to the house, and referred to the committee of supply.

**PENITENTIARY ACT****AMENDMENT PROVIDING FOR USE OF DORMITORIES BY INMATES**

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena)** moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-2, to amend the Penitentiary Act.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

**INTEREST ACT****AMENDMENT TO PLACE CEILING ON INTEREST RATES**

**Mr. Hazen Argue (Assiniboia)** moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-3, to amend the Interest Act.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

**INDUSTRY****PROVISION FOR CANADIAN PREFERENCE IN GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS**

**Mr. E. J. Broome (Vancouver South)** moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-4, to provide for a Canadian preference in government construction, purchase and service contracts.

**Some hon. Members:** Explain.

**Mr. Broome:** For many years the government's declared policy has been that there should be a Canadian preference when public money is spent on supplies. The various pronouncements outlining this policy are directive only and have no legal sanction. Further, there is no uniformity among various departments of government in applying this policy, the decision being left in many cases to the individual purchasing agent. Finally, the directives do not cover work or service contracts, and even on manufactured goods

[Mr. Argue.]

are out of date as they do not apply to crown corporations or crown agencies such as the C.N.R.

The purpose of this bill is to declare this preference in terms as wide as possible and to give the preference legal effect, to the end that as much as possible of the public moneys so spent stimulate the Canadian economy, increase gross national production, and are returned in proportionate degree to the fund of public moneys as income and corporation taxes.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

**DISTRIBUTION TO AID PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Mr. R. C. Coates (Cumberland)** moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-23, to provide for the development of certain provinces by the distribution of industry and for the reduction of unemployment therein.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

**NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD ACT****APPLICATION OF PROVINCIAL DRAINAGE LAWS TO PIPE LINES**

**Mr. W. H. A. Thomas (Middlesex West)** moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-5, to amend the National Energy Board Act (drainage works).

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

**FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION ACT****AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE FOR PRINTING OF NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS IN BOTH ENGLISH AND FRENCH**

**Mr. Samuel Boulanger (Drummond-Arthabaska)** moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-6, to amend the Financial Administration Act.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

**DIVORCE****MEASURE TO MODERNIZE DISSOLUTION AND ANNULMENT**

**Mr. Arnold Peters (Timiskaming)** moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-7, to provide in Canada for the dissolution and the annulment of marriage.

**Some hon. Members:** Explain.

**Mr. Peters:** The purpose of introducing this bill is to modernize and bring up to date the method of obtaining divorce in Canada in accordance with common practices in other countries throughout the commonwealth. The