

Introduction of Bills

Mr. Speaker: The Chair thanks the Hon. Member for his suggestion.

• (1530)

Hon. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, I can say now that it would be most improper, in my belief, for me to be discussing with House Leaders, or anywhere else, the conduct of the Chair.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Nielsen: That expression that I heard from the Hon. Member who is not even worthy of being identified is, incidentally, unparliamentary. I have adopted a consistent practice of never reflecting or remarking on the conduct of any occupant of the Chair except in this Chamber and I do not intend to alter that practice now, notwithstanding the good faith in which I am sure the suggestion was made.

Mr. Deans: Mr. Speaker, I am always pleased when my friend and colleague, the Hon. House Leader for the Official Opposition, intervenes. However, I think what my colleague suggested was that you perhaps meet with the House Leader of this Party to discuss a way of resolving the difficulty that we seem to be facing at the moment.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

BRITISH COLUMBIA INDIAN CUT-OFF LANDS SETTLEMENT ACT

MEASURE TO ESTABLISH

Hon. Mark MacGuigan (for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-18, An Act to provide for the Settlement of Claims by Indian bands in British Columbia relating to certain lands cut off from their reserves.

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

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PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYMENT ACT

AMENDMENT RESPECTING STAFF OF MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

Mr. Paul E. McRae (Thunder Bay-Atikokan) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-215, An Act to amend the Public Service Employment Act (Staff of Members of the House of Commons).

Some Hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. McRae: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this Bill is to provide reasonable security to staff of all Members of Parliament. Members will know that particularly at election time approximately one-third of the Members cease to be Members. As a result, something in the order of 300 staff members are without employment after years of faithful service.

The Bill would place the staff of all Hon. Members in the same situation as those in the Prime Minister's Office, the offices of the Leader of the Opposition and Cabinet Ministers. Where a staff member has three years of service, such staff member would have a priority right of access to the Public Service.

The Bill is seconded by the Hon. Member for Lachine (Mr. Blaker), the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of International Trade. I can assure you that every effort will be made to secure the consent of all three Parties for what is a worthy attempt to achieve speedy passage of the Bill.

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

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CRIMINAL LAW REFORM ACT

MEASURE TO ESTABLISH

Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Minister of Justice) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-19, An Act to amend the Criminal Code, to amend An Act to amend the Criminal Code and to amend the Combines Investigation Act, the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1977, the Customs Act, the Customs Tariff, the Excise Act, the Food and Drugs Act, the Narcotic Control Act, the Parole Act and the Weights and Measures Act, to repeal certain other Acts and to make other consequential amendments.

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

Mr. Speaker: I have had notice from the Hon. Member for Comox-Powell River (Mr. Skelly) concerning a matter that he wishes to raise under Standing Order 30.

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 30

[English]

FISHERIES

SEIZURE OF FISHING VESSELS BY CHARTERED BANKS

Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox-Powell River): Mr. Speaker, I wish to bring to your attention a matter that I believe warrants the adjournment of the House for a special debate, that is, the activity of some of the chartered banks with regard to seizing the vessels of West Coast fishermen. The banks have told fishermen that, in order to retain their vessels without any