External Affairs

PARLIAMENT HILL

TABLING OF ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING PROMENADE
TO BE BUILT AROUND BASE

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 41(2) I have the honour to table in both languages an announcement regarding a promenade to be built around the base of Parliament Hill.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

IMPENDING NUCLEAR TEST BY FRANCE—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, in view of the impending French nuclear test in the Pacific I seek, under Standing Order 43, unanimous consent of the House to move a resolution in similar terms to the one adopted by this chamber in particular reference to the Amchitka test by the United States.

Therefore, I move, seconded by the hon. member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath) that:

Whereas the continued testing of nuclear warheads by the nuclear powers adds to the dangers of the nuclear arms race and may seriously pollute the human environment, this Canadian House of Commons again calls on all nuclear powers to cease all testing of nuclear devices and particularly calls on the government of France to cancel the latest of its tests in the Pacific Ocean.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. members have heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Hillsborough. Under the terms of Standing Order 43 this motion requires unanimous consent. Is the hon. minister rising on a point of order?

Mr. MacEachen: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I would be quite happy to consent to the putting of the motion if, in order to protect the opposition day, we can agree not to debate it at this time.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I am not sure what the position of the House is at the moment. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: There appears to be unanimity, and the motion will therefore be put.

Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Speaker, may I say, with respect, that I understood there was a condition to the motion being put.

Mr. MacEachen: Yes, without debate.

Mr. Baldwin: Without debate, that is the condition attached.

Mr. Speaker: Is this agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Mr. Basford.]

Mr. Speaker: I will put the motion to the House. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES ACT

AMENDMENT RESPECTING COMMITMENT OF MONEY IN ANY FISCAL YEAR

On the order: Introduction of Bills.

June 16, 1972—Mr. Broadbent—Bill intituled: "An Act to amend the Regional Development Incentives Act".

Mr. Broadbent: Stand.

Mr. Speaker: While the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby requests that this notice of introduction of a bill to amend the Regional Development Incentives Act stand, I think I should at this time enter a caution by indicating to the hon. member that in the view of the Chair there may be some procedural difficulty in respect of this motion in that there might be financial implications. It seems to the Chair that the hon. member is attempting to redirect funds which have been allocated by Parliament on the basis of a royal recommendation. As the hon. member well knows, this is not in order. In any event, we will allow the matter to stand for the time being and whenever it is called the hon. member may wish to argue the procedural point at that time.

AMENDMENT TO ENSURE PROPER EVALUATION OF EFFECTIVENESS OF DISBURSEMENTS

Mr. Bill Knight (Assiniboia) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-216, to amend the Regional Development Incentives Act.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Knight: The purpose of the bill is to ensure that the effectiveness of disbursements from the public purse is properly evaluated and that improvements in the grant system can be made promptly on the basis of such an evaluation.

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

AMENDMENT TO ENSURE THAT APPLICANTS FOR GRANTS USE ACCURATE INFORMATION AND DATA

Mr. Bill Knight (Assiniboia) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-217, to amend the Regional Development Incentives Act.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Knight: The purpose of the bill is to ensure that applicants for federal grants under the Regional Development Incentives Act use accurate information and data which are subject to public scrutiny, so as to have public