

No. 16

## JOURNALS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

OF CANADA

---

OTTAWA, TUESDAY, 31ST JANUARY, 1956.

---

2.30 o'clock, p.m.

## PRAYERS.

Eighty-eight petitions for Private Bills were laid upon the Table.

Mr. St. Laurent (Quebec East), a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, laid before the House,—Copy of correspondence exchanged between the Prime Minister of Canada and several Provincial Premiers since January 6, 1956, concerning a revised approach to the question of federal-provincial fiscal arrangements.

By unanimous consent, on motion of Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Campney, it was resolved,—That, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 58, the order for the House to go into Committee of Ways and Means shall be the first Government Order read this day to permit a debate on External Affairs; provided that the proceedings on this order shall not exceed two sitting days and that, unless the debate thereon be previously concluded, Mr. Speaker shall interrupt the proceedings at 5.55 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday next and forthwith put the question on any subamendment and amendment then before the House; and provided further that when the said debate is concluded the motion for Mr. Speaker to leave the Chair shall be withdrawn and the order for House in Committee of Ways and Means shall stand as appointed for the next sitting of the House.

Pursuant to Special Order made this day, the Order being read for the House to resolve itself into Committee of Ways and Means;

Mr. Pearson moved,—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

And a Debate arising thereon and continuing;