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Question of Privilege

[Translation]

ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES READJUSTMENT ACT

SUGGESTED CONSIDERATION BY COMMITTEE TO FORMULATE NEW MAPS

Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-143, to amend the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Caouette: Mr. Speaker, since 158 members of all parties in the house have filed objections to the passage of the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act, the purpose of this bill is to suggest that the matter be referred to a special committee of the House of Commons which will lay out new electoral boundaries and submit to Your Honour a report on the readjustment of boundaries of every constituency included in each of the provinces.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: It is the pleasure of the house to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

SPORTS

PRIVILEGE-MR. ALKENBRACK-CONGRATULA-TIONS TO "BOBBY" HULL ON NEW SCORING RECORD

Mr. A. D. Alkenbrack (Prince Edward-Lennox): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of privilege to point out—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I am aware of the very important question of privilege the hon. member wishes to bring to the attention of the house, but I think he should first ask for leave to revert to motions. Knowing what the question is, I am sure hon. members will agree.

Mr. Alkenbrack: Thank you, Your Honour. I should like to ask for unanimous consent to revert to motions, sir.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Alkenbrack: Thank you, sir. I rise on a question of privilege regarding a matter of national interest.

• (4:50 p.m.)

Saturday night in Chicago that great Canadian "Bobby" Hull of the Chicago Black Hawks scored his 51st goal of the current hockey season. In doing so he has established a new all-time record for total goals scored by any player in the playing season of the National Hockey League and has set other records supplementary thereto.

expert on the rules, but I personally do not know what the implications are, and the matter will have to be considered.

Mr. Nugent: Mr. Speaker, would the house leader answer my question? Is it the intention of the government that the motion now envisaged will be moved in respect of the question of privilege, so that we can discuss it at once when we return at eight o'clock? If the house leader would answer this question it would make this matter much more simple so far as we are concerned.

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed by all hon. members that we will proceed with orders of the day, and that having completed the routine business the proceedings will be suspended until eight o'clock, with the understanding that we will proceed with private members business at six o'clock?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: At eight o'clock we will resume this debate at the point we have now reached. Is that agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. It is my understanding, of course, that there is agreement that the order in council has been tabled by the Prime Minister in order that hon. members may have an opportunity to study it?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

CANADA SHIPPING ACT

AMENDMENT TO ENSURE PASSAGE IN CANADIAN SHIPS

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-142, to amend the Canada Shipping Act (Canadian ships in coasting trade).

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Howard: Mr. Speaker, very briefly let me say that the purpose of the bill is to provide that no passengers or goods will be transported by ship from one place in Canada to another place in Canada except by a Canadian ship. The secondary effect of this will be an incentive for our own shipbuilding industry.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.