

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, April 22, 1969

The house met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

PROCEDURE AND ORGANIZATION

First report of Standing Committee on Procedure and Organization—Mr. Blair.

TERRITORIAL SEA AND FISHING ZONES ACT

AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE ALL WATERS ABOVE CONTINENTAL SHELF AS EXCLUSIVE FISHING ZONE

Mr. David Anderson (Esquimalt-Saanich) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-189, to amend the Territorial Sea and Fishing Zones Act.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Anderson: Mr. Speaker, the present Territorial Sea and Fishing Zones Act which was passed in 1964 has been unsatisfactory in that it requires us to do certain things. It ties fishing zones to base lines drawn along the shore. The purpose of this amendment is to allow all waters above the continental shelf to be declared fishing zones exclusive for Canadian fishermen, without going into the question of territorial seas, headland to headland base lines or other similar problems which are at present confusing the problem of exclusive fishing zones.

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

[Translation]

PRIVILEGE

MR. CAOUCETTE—ALLEGED UNFAIR PROHIBITION BY C.B.C. IN TAPING PROGRAM

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, as a member of Parliament and as the leader of a recognized federal political party, I wish to protest strongly against the treatment I was given by a Crown corporation, namely the C.B.C., last week in Western Canada.

In fact, Mr. Speaker, I was to be interviewed last week on the national telecast called "Les Affaires de l'État", on the French network, and "Nation's Business", on the English network. I wanted to have the program pre-taped in a Vancouver studio of the C.B.C. and the producers asked me to fork out \$300 when they had contacted the C.B.C. authorities in Ottawa. The same thing happened in Edmonton at the C.B.C. studios.

Mr. Speaker, as it is only in the house that a member may object to the actions of a corporation whose operations will cost \$166 million this year to the Canadian people, and which is unable or unwilling to use the facilities of the Corporation outside Ottawa and Montreal, I want to bring this fact to the attention of the minister responsible and of the house, so that everyone will know that last week we did not appear on the program "Les Affaires de l'État." I suggested to the C.B.C. to invite instead Charlie Chaplin or the president of this Crown corporation.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member may have a grievance, but I doubt that his question of privilege is justified.

• (2:10 p.m.)

[English]

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

DOMINION-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS

PARTICIPATION OF MUNICIPAL UNITS IN INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): I would like to ask the Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker, whether he has requested the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities to present to the secretariat of the constitutional conference specific proposals for participation in future conferences by official representatives of the municipal governments of Canada?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): To be more precise, Mr. Speaker, it was Mr. Lawless, who I believe is the research director or permanent secretary of the Council of Mayors and Municipalities, who suggested they would submit to the conference

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