

Pursuant to Standing Order 60(11), on motion of Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton), seconded by Mr. MacEachen, Bill C-192, An Act to amend the Income Tax Act (No. 2), was read the first time and ordered to be printed and ordered for a second reading at the next sitting of the House.

Pursuant to Standing Order 60(11), on motion of Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton), seconded by Mr. MacEachen, Bill C-193, An Act to amend the statute law relating to income tax (No. 3), was read the first time and ordered to be printed and ordered for a second reading at the next sitting of the House.

The Order being read for the consideration of a Ways and Means motion to amend the Excise Tax Act and the Excise Act (Sessional Paper No. 291-1/310), laid upon the Table, Monday, February 19, 1973.

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton), seconded by Mr. MacEachen, moved,—That the said motion be now concurred in.

And the question being put on the said motion, it was agreed to.

Pursuant to Standing Order 60(11), on motion of Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton), seconded by Mr. MacEachen, Bill C-194, An Act to amend the Excise Tax Act and the Excise Act (No. 2), was read the first time and ordered to be printed and ordered for a second reading at the next sitting of the House.

The Order being read for the consideration of a Ways and Means motion to amend the Customs Tariff (Sessional Paper No. 291-1/311) laid upon the Table, Monday, February 19, 1973.

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton), seconded by Mr. MacEachen, moved,—That the said motion be now concurred in.

And the question being put on the said motion, it was agreed to.

Pursuant to Standing Order 60(11), on motion of Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton), seconded by Mr. MacEachen, Bill C-195, An Act to amend the Customs Tariff (No. 2), was read the first time and ordered to be printed and ordered for a second reading at the next sitting of the House.

The House resumed debate on the motion of Mr. Trudeau, seconded by Mr. Drury,—That this House,

(i) aware that as provided in the Official Languages Act, the English and French languages possess and

enjoy equality of status and equal rights and privileges as to their use in all institutions of the Parliament and Government of Canada;

cognizant that it is the duty of departments and agencies of the Government of Canada to ensure, in accordance with that Act, that members of the public can obtain available services from and communicate with them in both official languages; while recognizing that public servants should, as a general proposition and subject to the requirements of the Official Languages Act respecting the provision of services to the public, be able to carry out their duties in the Public Service of Canada in the official language of their choice;

do hereby recognize and approve the following Principles for achieving the foregoing:

- (1) that positions which are seen, under the present circumstances, as requiring the knowledge and use of both the French and English languages will be first identified, and then designated, as bilingual in the course of the period ending December 31, 1978;
- (2) that positions will also be identified where English is an essential requirement of the job, where French is essential, or whether either French or English may be used;
- (3) that a knowledge of English and French is one of the elements of merit in the selection of candidates for bilingual positions;
- (4) that competitions for bilingual positions will be open both to bilingual candidates and unilingual candidates who have formally indicated their willingness to become bilingual;
- (5) that competitions for unilingual positions will continue to be open to unilingual or bilingual candidates who meet the language requirements of the job;
- (6) that unilingual incumbents of bilingual positions may elect to become bilingual and undertake language training or transfer to another job having the same salary maximum, or, if they were to decline such a transfer, to remain in their positions even though the posts have been designated as bilingual;
- (7) that employees who, as of April 6, 1966 had at least ten years of continuous service and who, since that date, have been employed continuously in the federal Public Service, will be entitled to apply for any job that has been identified for future designation as bilingual without having to indicate their willingness to become bilingual;
- (8) that unilingual French-speaking and English-speaking persons from outside the Public Service who are willing to become bilingual may apply for bilingual positions open to public competition;