

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, May 14, 1973

The House met at 2 p.m.

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PRESENCE IN SPEAKER'S GALLERY OF MR. SPEAKER
DEWHURST OF SASKATCHEWAN AND MR. SPEAKER
DOWDING OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mr. Speaker: Before proceeding with routine business, may I be allowed by hon. members to bring to their attention the presence in the Speaker's gallery of two distinguished Canadian parliamentarians from the provincial assemblies who are in Ottawa along with other Speakers, Deputy Speakers and Clerks of the legislative assemblies to attend the annual meeting of the area council of the Canadian branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. Two of these gentlemen felt it might be useful to them and to their assemblies, I suppose, to witness the proceedings of this distinguished House.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: If hon. members will allow me to signal their presence, I refer to Mr. Speaker Dewhurst of Saskatchewan and Mr. Speaker Dowding of British Columbia.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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[Translation]

ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES READJUSTMENT ACT

TABLING OF REPORT OF COMMISSION FOR PROVINCE OF
QUEBEC

Mr. Speaker: It is my duty, pursuant to Section 19 of the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act, Chapter E-2, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1970, to lay upon the table of the House a certified copy of the report of the electoral boundaries commission for the province of Quebec, 1973.

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[English]

PENITENTIARIES

ESCAPES BY PRISONERS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS
CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I rise on a matter of the utmost urgency stemming from the incredible rash of breakouts from federal penitentiaries, the latest being the escape of five dangerous prisoners from St. Vincent de Paul. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Egmont (Mr. MacDonald):

That this House Orders a special committee be immediately set up to investigate all aspects of the penitentiary system, including the operation of weekend leaves, of the Bail Reform Act and, if the committee decides it is necessary, of the National Parole Board, and report its findings and recommendations to this House as quickly as is consistent with a thorough investigation.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Yukon. Under the terms of Standing Order 43 the motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent. The motion cannot be put.

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FISHERIES

RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH UNITED STATES—
REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I rise to move a motion under Standing Order 43 on a matter of very urgent and pressing necessity. Tomorrow, May 15, is one of the deadlines established by an agreement signed between Canada and the United States on April 19 of this year, the effect of which, if fully consummated, will be to deny Canadian salmon fishermen on the west coast access to certain stocks of United States salmon while opening up the access that United States fishermen will have to Canadian salmon, particularly Fraser River stocks. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Comox-Alberni (Mr. Barnett):

That this House disapproves of the agreement between Canada and the United States of America dated April 19, 1973, which seeks to give salmon fishermen of the United States undue access to Canadian stocks of salmon.

Mr. Speaker: This motion also requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent. The motion cannot be put.