

No. 7

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF COMMONS

OF CANADA

OTTAWA, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1974

2.00 o'clock p.m.

PRAYERS

Mr. Lalonde, seconded by Mr. Danson, by leave of the House, introduced Bill C-16, An Act to amend certain statutes to provide equality of status thereunder for male and female persons, which was read the first time and ordered to be printed and ordered for a second reading at the next sitting of the House.

The text of the Message and Recommendation of the Administrator pursuant to Standing Order 62(2) in relation to the foregoing Bill is as follows:

His Excellency the Administrator recommends to the House of Commons a measure to amend certain statutes to provide equality of status thereunder for male and female persons; (a) to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act to provide in the manner prescribed more flexibility in the period during which maternity benefits may be paid; (b) to amend the Pension Act to create a new entitlement to a pension for widowers of members of the forces; to provide in the manner prescribed for changes in the determination of pensions payable in respect of members of the forces married to each other; to remove a discrepancy to enable payment of pensions to

all eligible children, brothers and sisters of members of the forces until they attain the age of seventeen years; to increase from 21 to 25 years the age until which a child may receive a pension while following an approved course of instruction; to remove a discretion and provide for certain pension benefits to or in respect of female members of the forces and their children; to deem certain persons married for purposes of eligibility for pension benefits; (c) to amend the National Defence Act to enable girls to belong to cadet organizations.

The House resumed debate on the motion of Mr. Munro (Hamilton East), seconded by Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton),—That Bill C-12, An Act to provide for the resumption of grain handling operations on the west coast of Canada, be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration.

After further debate, the question being put on the motion, it was agreed to on the following division: