

Immigration

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. We should not get into an argument. Certainly our rules do not provide for the giving of an answer after ten o'clock, unless the question has been allowed. The answer might be given in written form, perhaps by way of an order for return. Is it agreed that this question be answered in that way?

Mr. Marchand: I do not insist, Mr. Speaker. I will give it to the press. I think it is an important question, and I will do it in that way.

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam): On October 11, Mr. Speaker, I asked the minister if he would take into consideration the case of Mr. Bertram Peterson. The minister kindly agreed to do so. He has now reviewed this case, and it seems to me the proper place for him to make his statement is on motions. It seems to me that having reviewed the case, he should be allowed to make this statement in respect of his decision.

Mr. Speaker: As I indicated earlier, the minister could make a statement on government policy at this time. However, I do not believe he can answer a question which is not directly related to government policy without the consent of the house. In view of the fact that this consent does not appear to be forthcoming I suggest, as I indicated a moment ago, that the proper way to answer this question is by an order for return.

[*Translation*]

WATER RESOURCES

TABLING OF AGREEMENT RESPECTING
SASKATCHEWAN AND NELSON
RIVERS

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, may I table the agreement signed last Monday by the government of Canada and the governments of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba concerning the Saskatchewan and Nelson rivers?

Mr. Speaker: Is it the wish of the house to permit the hon. minister to table this document?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Mr. Starr.]

[*English*]

TRADE

LEGISLATIVE RESTRICTION ON IMPORTATION
OF CERTAIN FOOD PRODUCTS

Mr. E. F. Whelan (Essex South) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-166, respecting the restriction on importation into Canada of certain commodities.

He said: The main need for this legislation, Mr. Speaker, is to stop unwarranted profiteering by importers who import cheap food products to gouge the public and depress local prices. Another factor is the need to stabilize and protect the market for the consumer, the producer and the processor. I should like to add, Mr. Speaker, that many of the so-called free trading countries have legislation similar to that which I am suggesting.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

[*Translation*]

FINANCE

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTION OF SYMBOLS ON
COINS AND BILLS

Mr. Fernand E. Leblanc (Laurier) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-167, intituled "An Act respecting Canadian dollars and coins".

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Leblanc (Laurier): Mr. Speaker, Canada being in constant turmoil, it becomes necessary, in order to strengthen a new Canadianism to find within our confederation a greater number of Canadian symbols.

The more we surround ourselves with truly Canadian symbols, the better we will achieve our goal: a distinctly Canadian identity and a renewed spirit.

That is the main purpose of this bill which proposes to replace the effigy of the Queen on the coins and bills of the Bank of Canada by the stylized maple leaf of the Canadian flag.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

[*English*]

CRIMINAL CODE

AMENDMENTS RESPECTING DEATH SENTENCE
AND LIFE IMPRISONMENT

Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-168, to amend the Criminal Code.

Some hon. Members: Explain.