The Order being read for the second reading of Bill C-37, An Act to amend the War Veterans Allowance Act, 1952;

Mr. McIntosh, seconded by Mr. Baldwin, moved,—That the said bill be now read a second time.

And debate arising thereon;

The hour for Private Members' Business expired.

Debate was resumed on the proposed motion of Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Favreau,—That the Government be authorized to take such steps as may be necessary to establish officially as the flag of Canada a flag embodying the emblem proclaimed by His Majesty King George V on November 21, 1921—three maple leaves conjoined on one stem—in the colours red and white then designated for Canada, the red leaves occupying a field of white between vertical sections of blue on the edges of the flag;

And on the proposed motion of Mr. Diefenbaker, seconded by Mr. Nowlan, in amendment thereto,—That all the words after "That" in line one be deleted and the following substituted:

"As the proposal to change Canada's National Flag will affect the unity and destiny of Canada now and for years to come, the government be authorized to take such steps as may be necessary to conduct a plebiscite prior to any further action being taken by the House of Commons, in order that all Canadians may be given their rightful opportunity to declare their choice concerning a national flag."

And debate continuing; the said debate was interrupted.

(Proceedings on Adjournment Motion)

At 10.02 o'clock p.m., the question "That this House do now adjourn" was deemed to have been proposed pursuant to provisional Standing Order 39-A;

After debate thereon, the said question was deemed to have been adopted.

Returns and Reports Deposited with the Clerk of the House

The following paper having been deposited with the Clerk of the House was laid upon the Table pursuant to Standing Order 40, namely:

By Mr. MacEachen, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council,—Report on the Vocational Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons Act, for the year ended March 31, 1964, pursuant to section 12 of the said Act, chapter 26, Statutes of Canada, 1960-61.

At 10.07 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 2.30 o'clock p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 2(1).