

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA ACTPROVINCIAL REPRESENTATION IN HOUSE OF COMMONS—
REFERENCE TO STANDING COMMITTEE

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, in accordance with the discussions that have already taken place, perhaps we could call government order No. 82 which would refer to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections the question of the system of re-adjusting representation in the House of Commons. I therefore move:

That the system of re-adjusting representation in the House of Commons, including the method of determining the number of members for each province established by section 51 of the British North America Act, be referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Motion agreed to.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENTCONCURRENCE IN SEVENTH REPORT OF STANDING
COMMITTEE

Mr. Joe Clark (Rocky Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Kingston and the Islands (Miss MacDonald):

That the seventh report of the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development, presented to the House unanimously on Monday, December 10, 1973, be concurred in.

Mr. Speaker: Has the hon. member the unanimous consent of the House to propose this motion?

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent.

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MRS. J. S. WOODSWORTHCONGRATULATIONS ON REACHING ONE-HUNDREDTH
BIRTHDAY

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, for some time I had been hoping and planning to make a brief statement on a matter which I think will interest hon. members, and which I had planned to make this coming Monday, January 14. In view of the fact that when we pass the motion we are about to debate we shall adjourn and probably not be sitting on Monday, I ask the indulgence of the House to say a few words now in lieu of what I had wanted to say on Monday.

It just so happens, Mr. Speaker, that on Monday, January 14, Mrs. J. S. Woodsworth will be 100 years old.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): As older members of the House will be aware, Mrs. Lucy Woodsworth is the widow of the late J. S. Woodsworth, the founder of the CCF, the former leader of our party, who was the member of this House for Winnipeg North Centre from 1921 until

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the time of his death in 1942. Mrs. Woodsworth was also the mother-in-law of the late Angus MacInnis who for many years was a member of this House from the city of Vancouver. Mrs. Woodsworth is also the mother of the very charming and distinguished member for Vancouver Kingsway (Mrs. MacInnis).

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): I apologize to my hon. friend and colleague for not having told her that I was going to raise this matter. I felt that if I did she would have asked me not to do so, although I believe I could persuade her that on such an occasion the members of this House would like to pay tribute to Mrs. Woodsworth who in her own right, even apart from her relationship to three distinguished members of parliament, has been a remarkable person.

Some of us have known her for a number of decades, and all of us who are aware of the part she played in raising the Woodsworth family, the part she played in helping her husband in the difficult years when he was getting this movement started, feel very warm in our affection toward Mrs. Woodsworth. Not only did she perform the role of a person who was helpful to others, but she herself was active in many causes and movements in days when those causes were not so popular.

It is good to know that such a person has lived a full century and has been able to see the realization of so many things that she and her late husband believed in and worked to achieve. I regret to say that Mrs. Woodsworth's health now is not as good as we would like it to be, but I understand that at St. Vincent's Hospital here in Ottawa, where she now stays, on Monday afternoon in the auditorium there will be a gathering in her honour. It starts at two o'clock, and thanks to the fact that the House will not be sitting that day I shall have the pleasure of being there.

In any case, I thought it was appropriate that there be placed on the record of the House of Commons, on the eve of January 14, 1974, this tribute to a remarkable and gracious woman who was born in Ontario on January 14, 1874.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Mr. Speaker: I presume that hon. members at this point would want me to put the motion in the name of the President of the Privy Council (Mr. MacEachen).

Mr. MacEachen moves:

That, when the House adjourns following the passage of Bill C-236, an act to provide a means to conserve the supplies of petroleum products within Canada during periods of national emergency caused by shortages or market disturbances affecting the national security and welfare and the economic stability of Canada, and to amend the National Energy Board Act, it shall stand adjourned until a time to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, after consultation with the government, when the House may meet for the purpose of dealing with any subsequent