

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, March 29, 1954

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

TRANS-CANADA AIR LINES

REFERENCE OF ANNUAL REPORT, AUDITORS' REPORT AND BUDGETS TO RAILWAYS AND SHIPPING COMMITTEE

Right Hon. C. D. Howe (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, by leave of the house I desire to move that the annual report of Trans-Canada Air Lines for the year 1953, tabled on March 15, the auditors' report in respect of Trans-Canada Air Lines for the year 1953, tabled on March 16, and also the revised budget for the year 1953, and the capital budget for the year 1954, and the operating budget for the year 1954 in respect of Trans-Canada Air Lines tabled March 26, be referred to the sessional committee on railways and shipping owned, operated and controlled by the government.

Motion agreed to.

ATOMIC ENERGY CONTROL ACT

AMENDMENTS CONSOLIDATING ACTIVITIES OF GOVERNMENT

Right Hon. C. D. Howe (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I beg leave to withdraw the resolution relating to the amendment of the Atomic Energy Control Act standing in my name as item No. 6 under "Government Orders" on the order paper. I am now handing over to the Clerk for insertion in *Votes and Proceedings* notice of a bill which will be entitled "An act to amend the Atomic Energy Control Act."

Mr. Drew: Will the minister explain the reason for this change?

Mr. Howe (Port Arthur): The bill to amend the Atomic Energy Control Act as originally drawn required a resolution, as it involved expenditure of money. The bill as at present drawn does not require a resolution and the government has decided to withdraw the resolution and present the bill in the form as now revised.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Order discharged and resolution withdrawn.

STANDING ORDERS

MOTION FOR CONCURRENCE IN FOURTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. J. H. Harrison (Meadow Lake) moved that the fourth report of the standing committee on standing orders presented to the house on Friday, March 26, 1954, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

CANADA ELECTIONS ACT

AMENDMENT TO REDUCE VOTING AGE

Mr. H. R. Argue (Assiniboia) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 390, to amend the Canada Elections Act (age of voters).

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Argue: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to reduce the age of voters under the Canada Elections Act from 21 to 18.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

PRIVATE BILL

FIRST READING—SENATE BILL

Bill No. 389, respecting Trans-Canada Pipe Lines Limited.—Mr. Decore.

QUESTIONS

BRETTON WOODS CONFERENCE

Mr. Hansell:

1. Who initiated the Bretton Woods conference?
2. Who invited Canada to send a delegation?
3. Did the Canadian delegation carry any instructions from the government, and if so, what were those instructions?
4. Who were the official members of the Canadian delegation to the Bretton Woods economic conference?
5. What was the position and considered qualifications of each one?
6. What are the names of all others who accompanied the delegation as advisers, clerks and any other occupation?
7. In what department of the government was each one employed?
8. What was the position and considered qualifications of each?
9. What was the salary of each one employed?
10. What was the total cost to Canada of this conference?

Mr. Benidickson:

1. The United Nations international monetary and financial conference which was held