

Appointment of Chairman

Defence Production Act, and the Post Office Act. Further measures may be brought forward in the course of the Session as a result of inquiries now pending.

Members of the House of Commons:

You will be asked to appropriate the funds required for the services and payments authorized by Parliament.

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

May Divine Providence guide you in your deliberations.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister) moved:

That the speech of His Excellency the Governor General, delivered this day from the throne to the two houses of parliament, be taken into consideration at the next sitting of the house.

Motion agreed to.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister) moved:

That a special committee be appointed to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, lists of members to compose the standing committees of this house and that such committee be composed of Messrs. Grégoire, Knowles, Leboe, McIlraith, Pilon, Starr and Winkler.

Motion agreed to.

INTERNAL ECONOMY COMMISSION

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister) presented the following message from His Excellency the Governor General:

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons a certified copy of an Order in Council appointing the Hon. George James McIlraith, Minister of Public Works, the Hon. John Robert Nicholson, Minister of Labour, the Hon. Maurice Sauvé, Minister of Forestry, and the Hon. Edgar John Benson, Minister of National Revenue, to act with the Speaker of the House of Commons as commissioners for the purposes and under the provisions of Chapter 143 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1952, intituled: An Act respecting the House of Commons.

HOUSE OF COMMONS**APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES OF THE WHOLE**

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I should like to make a motion regarding the appointment of the Chairman of committees of the whole house, and for that purpose to submit to the house the name

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of the hon. member for Humber-St. George's, Mr. Herman Batten. Mr. Batten, as hon. members who have been in the twenty sixth Parliament know, has been Deputy Chairman of the committees of the whole house. In that capacity he has won their respect and the good will of all members. He has acted in the Chair in that capacity with impartiality and fairness, and I think we can be sure that he will do the same as Chairman. I believe that before Mr. Batten, the hon. member for Humber-St. George's, came to the House of Commons he was the principal of a school. As your Deputy, Mr. Speaker, he will be able to help you to keep the boys in order.

● (4:30 p.m.)

Therefore I move, seconded by the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Martin), that Herman S. Batten, Esquire, Member for the electoral district of Humber-St. George's, be appointed Chairman of Committees of the Whole House.

Motion agreed to.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES OF THE WHOLE

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, with a lawyer in the Chair and a school teacher as his Deputy, I should like to propose as the Deputy Chairman of committees of the whole house a businessman, a member from Montreal, the hon. member for Saint-Jacques, Mr. Maurice Rinfret. We who know him best know that Mr. Rinfret is energetic, fair-minded, impartial, and that he has a good sense of humour. All these things should stand him in good stead if the house chooses him for this important post, for which I now have the honour to recommend him.

Therefore I move, seconded by the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Martin), that Maurice Rinfret, Esquire, Member for the electoral district of Saint-Jacques, be appointed Deputy Chairman of committees of the whole house.

Motion agreed to.

APPOINTMENT OF CLERK ASSISTANT

Mr. Speaker: It is my duty to inform the house that the Governor General in Council has appointed Alistair Fraser, Esquire, B.A., LL.B., Clerk Assistant of the House of Commons.