

Introduction of Bills

MR. WEATHERHEAD—PENALTIES FOR IMPAIRED DRIVERS

Mr. David Weatherhead (Scarborough West): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition signed by 597 students of Cardinal Newman High School in the City of Scarborough, Ontario. The petition strongly supports the proposed changes in the Criminal Code of Canada as set out in Bill C-19 presently before the House, which would impose stiffer penalties for impaired driving. Therefore the petitioners urge the House of Commons to pass the relevant clauses of Bill C-19 relating to impaired driving as quickly as possible.

MR. SCOTT (VICTORIA-HALIBURTON)—LAW RELATING TO DIVORCE

Mr. W. C. Scott (Victoria-Haliburton): Mr. Speaker, it is my duty and pleasure to present a petition signed by a number of my constituents from the Oakwood Pastoral Charge of the United Church of Canada. These petitioners believe that the family is the cornerstone and basic building block of society and therefore oppose any means of making divorce quick and easy. They feel that any action taken to reduce the cost and pain of divorce is bound to increase the frequency of divorce and work to destroy the family—the very fabric that holds our society together.

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CONSTITUTION ACT, 1867

AMENDMENT RESPECTING OFFICE OF PRIME MINISTER

Mr. Bill Yurko (Edmonton East) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-244, an Act to amend the Constitution Act, 1867 (tenure of the Prime Minister).

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that the Hon. Member shall have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Yurko: Mr. Speaker, the entrenchment of the office of Prime Minister of Canada in the Constitution of Canada has become imperative. The purpose of this Bill is to list the minimum qualifications required to become Prime Minister of Canada. It also provides for a maximum tenure of 10 years in office for a Prime Minister and for the power of the Governor General to swear in the Prime Minister and to remove him or her if he or she can no longer meet the conditions of this office.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Speaker: When shall the Bill be read a second time? At the next sitting of the House?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. John Evans (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 96 and 682.

[Text]

CANADA POST CORPORATION—PUBLIC RELATIONS EMPLOYEES

Question No. 96—**Mr. Howie:**

How many persons engaged in public relations, media relations or publicity are employed by the Canada Post Corporation?

Mr. Normand Lapointe (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Labour): The Canada Post Corporation informs me as follows: A total of 48 employees are engaged in public relations, publicity or media relations. Twenty are employed at head office and 28 in the divisions.

CANADA POST CORPORATION—STAMP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Question No. 682—**Mr. Clark (Yellowhead):**

Did the Stamp Advisory Committee of the Canada Post Corporation reject the proposal to issue a postage stamp in 1984 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of women attending McGill University and, if so, for what reason?

Mr. Normand Lapointe (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Labour): The Canada Post Corporation has indeed informed me that the Stamp Advisory Committee recommended against the proposal to issue a stamp to commemorate the centennial of women attending McGill University because McGill was not the first Canadian university to admit women students and the Committee therefore considered it would be inappropriate to mark this anniversary with a stamp issue.

[English]

Mr. Evans: Mr. Speaker, I ask that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: The questions enumerated by the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

Mr. Robinson (Burnaby): Mr. Speaker, we said no.

Mr. Speaker: I point out to the House that the net effect of refusal to let them stand is that all questions will disappear from the Order Paper. Is that the wish of Hon. Members?

Some Hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: That will be the effect of refusal to let them stand.

Mr. Evans: If they do not stand, they disappear.