

are registered with the Canadian Pension Commission immediately.

2. Yes.

[English]

Mr. Collenette: Before I sit down, Madam Speaker, I should point out to the hon. member for Wellington-Dufferin-Simcoe (Mr. Beatty) that I am unable to give the answer to question 2,955, I believe it is; it is the other outstanding question on the Order Paper. I hope to be in a position to give that answer tomorrow.

I would ask, Madam Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

[Translation]

Madam Speaker: Are the remaining questions allowed to stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

CANADA OIL AND GAS ACT

MEASURE RESPECTING OIL AND GAS INTERESTS

The House proceeded to the consideration of Bill C-48, to regulate oil and gas interests in Canada lands and to amend the Oil and Gas Production and Conservation Act, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works.

Madam Speaker: As hon. members are aware, there are 57 motions standing on the Order Paper at the report stage of Bill C-48, an act to regulate oil and gas interests in Canada lands and to amend the Oil and Gas Production and Conservation Act.

With the short time available to the Chair, and it was very short, I have had a preliminary look at a number of the motions. Motions Nos. 1 and 2, standing in the name of the hon. member for Nunatsiak (Mr. Ittinuar) and the hon. Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. Lalonde), seek to import a preamble into a bill which was introduced in the House without a preamble. In this respect I refer hon. members to Beauchesne's fifth edition, Citation 779(3) and I quote:

(3) Where the bill, as introduced, does not contain a preamble, it is not competent for the committee to introduce one.

This citation can also be found in May's nineteenth edition at page 531. Admittedly, this refers to proceedings in committee; however, the same rules apply at the report stage, and to this effect I refer hon. members once again to Beauchesne's fifth edition, Citation 792. This is also confirmed by a ruling

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by Mr. Speaker Lamoureux on June 11, 1973, at pages 394 and 395 of the *Journals*.

For all these reasons, regrettably, motions Nos. 1 and 2 appear to be out of order, but I would be prepared to hear argument later.

Motions Nos. 43 and 50, standing in the name of the minister, seek to insert new headings into the bill. Citation 710 of Beauchesne's fifth edition states as follows:

710 (1) The marginal notes, short titles of clauses and the headings of parts of a bill do not form part of the bill and, therefore, are not open to amendment. *Journals*, May 17, 1956, p. 568.

(2) The Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel is responsible for marginal notes and headings. S.O. 84.

For these reasons, the Chair will not propose the motions to the House.

Motions Nos. 3, 5, 14, 17, 18, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 will be debated separately and voted on separately.

Motions Nos. 4, 51, 52, 53, 55, 56 and 57 should be grouped for debate and will be voted on as follows: (a) The question on motion No. 51 will be put to the House and a vote on this motion will dispose of motion No. 4; and (b) the question on motions Nos. 52, 53, 55, 56 and 57 will be put to the House separately.

Motion No. 54 standing in the name of the hon. member for Skeena (Mr. Fulton) seeks to establish a compensation fund to be administered by a board which would entail the outlaying of public funds. Once again I refer hon. members to Beauchesne's fifth edition where Section (7) of Citation 773 is on this point, and I quote in part:

(7) An amendment is out of order if it imposes a charge upon the Public Treasury—

For this reason the motion appears to be unacceptable, but again I would be prepared to hear argument at the appropriate time.

Motions Nos. 6 and 20 will be grouped for debate and voted on separately.

Motions Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15 and 16 will be grouped for debate and voted on as follows: (a) the question on motion No. 7 will be put to the House by itself; (b) motions Nos. 8, 9, 10 seem to offer alternatives and will be put to the House as follows: (i) the question will be put on motion No. 8. An affirmative vote on this motion makes it unnecessary for the House to decide on motions Nos. 9 and 10. However, a negative vote on the motion necessitates the question being put on motion No. 9; (ii) an affirmative vote on motion No. 9 obviates the question having to be put on motions Nos. 10, 11 and 12. A negative vote on motion No. 9 necessitates the question being put on motion No. 10 and the vote on motion No. 10 also disposes of motions Nos. 11, 12 and 16. (c) Separate questions will be put on motions Nos. 13 and 15.

Motions Nos. 19 and 24 standing in the name of the hon. member for Nunatsiak seem to go beyond the scope of the bill and therefore do not appear to be in order. The hon. member may wish to present argument on this point later. For the