

the House, seconded by the hon. member for Vancouver East (Mrs. Mitchell), as follows:

That this House notes the difficulties handicapped people face inside the Parliament buildings and urges the appropriate authorities to investigate these facilities with a view to suggestion for correction.

The motion was passed by this House. In my prelude to the motion I said, as reported at page 1676 of *Hansard*:

Mr. Speaker, today I invited to the House of Commons a group of handicapped people from British Columbia. They came in their wheelchairs and were at first unable to get into the building. Eventually they got in through a side door which had to be unlocked. For a while they were unable to enter the parliamentary dining room: we had to carry them down the stairs.

Finally, not all of them were able to get into the House of Commons, though there were only about seven or eight of them in wheelchairs. The marble staircases pose a danger when one has to carry people in, and the situation is really shocking.

Then I put the motion. I now have in my possession a report from Mr. R. A. Hill, property manager for Public Works Canada dated December 7, 1979, concerning facilities for the handicapped in the parliamentary complex. I am very pleased to have this report and to tell the House that many things that the House objected to have been remedied, and specifically in four respects.

By May 31, 1980, it will be possible for a new or at least a renovated entrance to be built to the main building under the Peace Tower; the entrance to the restaurant is going to be changed in the summer recess of 1980; there is already a new entrance to the West Block which was completed last December. As a matter of fact, Madam Speaker, the night the House fell, I too fell over that entrance so I realize that the Thirty-first Parliament had achieved something. Finally, there is a procedure under way to change the entrance to the House of Commons.

I raise this as a question of privilege because I wanted to bring to Your Honour's attention and to that of the House the excellent work done by the people responsible in response to the resolution of this House. I know, Madam Speaker, that you are particularly aware of and interested in the progress of this matter, and although I cannot officially do so, I should like to indicate that you could perhaps follow up the matter, being the person responsible for the environs of this House and the excellent work progress that is being made. We hope it will be completed by the end of the summer.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Madam Speaker: The remarks made by the hon. member are, of course, well noted and the program to which he refers is under way. I have not had time since assuming this function to see whether it is proceeding at a pace sufficient to accommodate everyone who wants to come to the House of Commons or to the Parliament buildings.

I certainly agree with the hon. member that this place and this building should be as accessible as possible to everyone. I am glad to have the support of the hon. member in order to implement that program as soon as possible.

Main Estimates, 1980-81

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*Translation*]

MAIN ESTIMATES, 1980-81

REFERENCE TO STANDING COMMITTEES

Hon. Yvon Pinard (President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 59, I move:

That the estimates of sums required for the year ending March 31, 1981, be referred to the several standing committees of the House, as follows:

Shall I dispense from reading this very long motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Madam Speaker: It is moved by the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Pinard) that the estimates for the year ended March 31, 1981, tabled on Tuesday April 22, 1980, be referred to the several standing committees of the House as follows: Shall I dispense?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[*Editor's note:* Motion above referred to as follows:]

To the Standing Committee on Agriculture

Agriculture Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50

To the Standing Committee on Communications and Culture

Communications Votes 1, 5, 10 and 15

Secretary of State Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, L25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 65, 70, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100, 105, 110, 120 and 125

To the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence

External Affairs Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, L30, L35, L40, L45, L50, 55 and 60

National Defence Votes 1, 5, 10 and 15

To the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs

Economic Development Vote 1

Finance Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 25 and 30

Industry, Trade and Commerce Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, L30, L35, L40, L45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75 and 80

National Revenue Votes 1 and 5

Privy Council Vote 20

To the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Forestry

Environment Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30

Fisheries and Oceans Votes 1 and 5

To the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs

Consumer and Corporate Affairs Votes 1 and 5

National Health and Welfare Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40

Social Development Vote 1

To the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development

Indian Affairs and Northern Development Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, L35, L40, 45, L50, L55, 60 and L65.

To the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs

Justice Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 and 45

Solicitor General Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25

To the Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration

Employment and Immigration Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35

Labour Votes 1, 5, 10 and 15

Secretary of State Votes 60 and 130