

Mr. Jamieson, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, laid upon the Table,—Copies of the Report of Inquiry on the Coasting Trade of Canada and Related Marine Activity dated October, 1970. (English and French).—Sessional Paper No. 283-4/114.

The Order being read for the consideration of the Business of Supply;

Pursuant to Standing Order 58, Mr. Forrestall, seconded by Mr. Nowlan, moved,—That in the opinion of this House the Government, having reduced our defence capacity by erosion of our NATO commitment, reduction of our active and reserve forces, and mismanagement of our material and supply requirements, has downgraded our armed forces and led to a questioning of our credibility by our allies.

This House therefore urges the Government to declare a defence policy that will clarify the role of our armed forces at home—with particular reference to our North and aid to the civil power—and which will demonstrate our willingness and capacity to contribute to world peace by honoring our alliances.

And debate arising thereon;

By unanimous consent, the House reverted to "Motions".

By unanimous consent, it was ordered,—That, in order to permit the Standing Committees of the House to make progress with their work, when the House adjourns on Wednesday, May 26, 1971, it shall stand adjourned until Friday, May 28, 1971 at 11 o'clock a.m.;

And that Thursday, May 27th, 1971 shall be deemed to have been one of the days referred to in Standing Order 58(5).

Debate was resumed on the motion of Mr. Forrestall, seconded by Mr. Nowlan,—That in the opinion of this House the Government, having reduced our defence capacity by erosion of our NATO commitment, reduction of our active and reserve forces, and mismanagement of our material and supply requirements, has downgraded our armed forces and led to a questioning of our credibility by our allies.

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After further debate, proceedings on the motion expired.

#### *Changes in Committee Membership*

Notice having been filed with the Clerk of the House pursuant to Standing Order 65(4)(b), membership of Committees was amended as follows:

Messrs. Clermont and Orange for Messrs. McNulty and Whicher on the Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works.

Messrs. MacDonald (Egmont), Schumacher, Cyr, Smith (Saint-Jean) and Reid for Messrs. McQuaid, Yewchuk, Lefebvre, Guay (Lévis) and McBride on the Standing Committee on Regional Development.

#### *Returns and Reports Deposited with the Clerk of the House*

The following papers having been deposited with the Clerk of the House were laid upon the Table pursuant to Standing Order 41(1), namely:

By Mr. Benson, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council,—Capital Budget of the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation, for the year ending December 31, 1971, pursuant to section 80(2) of the Financial Administration Act, chapter 116, Revised Statutes of Canada 1952, as amended—Statutes of Canada 1966-67, together with a copy of Order in Council P.C. 1971-99, dated January 21, 1971, approving same. (English and French).—Sessional Paper No. 283-1/79.

By Mr. Dubé, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council,—Financial Statement on the Operations of the Veterans Insurance Act for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1971, pursuant to section 20 of the said Act, chapter 279, R.S.C., 1952. (English and French).—Sessional Paper No. 283-1/254.

By Mr. Dubé,—Financial Statement on the Operations of the Returned Soldiers' Insurance Act for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1971, pursuant to section 17(2) of the said Act, chapter 54, Statutes of Canada, 1920, as amended 1951. (English and French).—Sessional Paper No. 283-1/228.

By Mr. MacEachen, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council,—Return to an Order of the House dated May 19, 1971, for copies of all correspondence between Mr. F. C. James of Winnipeg, Manitoba and the Canadian Transport Commission, the Minister of Transport and the Minister of Supply and Services.—(Notice of Motion for the Production of Papers No. 198).—Sessional Paper No. 283-3/198.

At 5.00 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker adjourned the House until Tuesday, May 25, 1971, at 2.00 o'clock p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 2(3).