

Bill C-99, to amend the Canada Elections Act (advertising during electoral campaign)—Mr. Rynard.

Bill C-100, to amend the Canada Elections Act (students' franchise)—Mr. Deachman.

Bill C-101, to amend the Criminal Code (human rights and fundamental freedoms preserved)—Mr. Scott (Danforth).

Bill C-102, to amend the Canada Elections Act (eighteen year old voters and candidates)—Mr. Basford.

Bill C-103, to preserve and promote native Indian and Eskimo arts and crafts—Mr. Howard.

Bill C-104, to amend the Immigration Act (disclosure of reasons for deportation)—Mr. Brewin.

Bill C-105, to amend the Criminal Code (insanity)—Mr. Brewin.

Bill C-106, to amend the Criminal Code (capital punishment, form of sentence)—Mr. Cowan.

Bill C-107, to amend the Immigration Act—Mr. Badanai.

Bill C-108, to approve the *ex gratia* payment of compensation to persons injured by aiding and assisting the Governor General to preserve and maintain the public peace and order and to dependants of persons killed thereby (Criminal Injuries Compensation Act)—Mr. Ormiston.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

NORTH VIET NAM—CANADIAN REPRESENTATIONS RESPECTING BOMBING PAUSE

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether he is in a position to inform the house and the country regarding any representations that Canada has made to the United States for further restraint and a continuation of the pause in the bombing of North Viet Nam. Perhaps he will allow me to point out that Japan and various other countries have made such representations. That is the reason for the question being asked. I think this would be a good course if Canada can follow it.

Second, what attitude does Canada take regarding the broadening of the Saigon government as suggested by Mr. U Thant, which would allow it to take over on behalf of that country at any conference that might be called?

Inquiries of the Ministry

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, to deal with the last part of the question first, the broadening of the Saigon government is of course a matter for the government and the people of that country. I think I might be permitted to say that all those who are directly concerned with this issue, and that includes most countries in the world, would hope that the government of South Viet Nam would be as broadly based as possible on a democratic foundation.

So far as the first part of the question is concerned, I indicated in the House last Thursday the views of the government in respect of the pause in the bombing of North Viet Nam. I hope, as I said then, Mr. Speaker, that the United States would feel that the situation was such that a pause in this bombing could be continued in the hope that this would improve the prospects for early negotiations. These views, as I have expressed them, have already been brought to the attention of the United States government.

Mr. Diefenbaker: I thank the Prime Minister. Both these answers, I think, represent the attitude in general of the Canadian people. Has there been any reaction or indication on the part of the United States to the effect that instead of following the demands, as I say, of certain representatives of that country—and military groups to the contrary—the United States will feel constrained to desist for the time being from any bombing, so as to permit of a feeling being established that might bring about a conference?

Mr. Pearson: Mr. Speaker, it is not possible for me to speak on behalf of the United States government or to report to the house any views they may have given to us confidentially on this matter. There is a difficulty there.

Mr. Diefenbaker: I would not ask that.

Mr. Pearson: But I think I can say, without breaking any confidence, that the United States administration has informed us and other governments that they hope to be able to continue the pause in the bombing of North Viet Nam as long as there is any likelihood of that pause assisting in the bringing about of negotiations.

Mr. Diefenbaker: That is very commendable.