

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

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**Thursday, March 16, 1967**

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

### COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Fourteenth report of standing committee on transport and communications—Mr. Macaluso.

[Translation]

Twenty third report of the standing committee on finance, trade and economic affairs—Mr. Gray.

[English]

#### NORTHERN AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL RESOURCES

**Mr. Hubert Badanai (Fort William)** presented the fifth report of the standing committee on northern affairs and national resources.

**Mr. Dinsdale:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. The report of the committee on northern affairs and national resources will have to be received on division; the members of the official opposition dissociate themselves from the report.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I understand there is no provision for this, as I am sure the hon. member appreciates. On a question of privilege he may indicate his disagreement with the report, but it certainly cannot be the subject of a debate.

**Mr. Badanai:** Mr. Speaker, may I be permitted to explain—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I suggest to the hon. member that this cannot be done.

**Mr. Barnett:** On a question of privilege—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The Chair has ruled that there is no question of privilege, so the hon. member cannot rise on a question that does not exist.

**Mr. Barnett:** My question of privilege is different from that raised by the hon. member for Brandon-Souris. My question of privilege is that I failed to hear what report it was that the chairman of the committee on northern affairs and national resources was tabling. I wonder whether he might be allowed to repeat the number of the report, because I think it has some significance.

**Mr. Badanai:** The report has nothing to do with the matter of—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I ask the hon. member's co-operation to indicate to the hon. member for Comox-Alberni the number of the report that he has tabled.

[Note: Text of the foregoing reports appears in today's Votes and Proceedings.]

[Later:]

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris):** Mr. Speaker, earlier today I indicated that we objected to and dissociated ourselves from the report presented by the standing committee on northern affairs and national resources. It has now come to my attention that the report presented today was the fifth. The sixth report is still being translated, and that is the report to which we object.

### INCOME TAX ACT

#### AMENDMENT TO REMOVE FIVE PER CENT REFUNDABLE TAX

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance)** moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-280, to amend the Income Tax Act.

**Some hon. Members:** Explain.

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, I am sure the house will be glad to know that this is a bill for the purpose of removing a tax, namely the 5 per cent refundable tax.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

● (2:40 p.m.)

### FISHERIES ACT

#### AMENDMENT TO PROHIBIT HUNTING OF SEALS

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena)** moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-281, to amend the Fisheries Act (seal hunting prohibited).

He said: Mr. Speaker, there are many who support the principle contained in this bill, many with humane instincts and concern about what has taken place in the seal hunting grounds not only this year but in the past. The purpose of the bill is to prohibit anyone from hunting, killing, impeding, injuring or obstructing the progress of seals within the area bounded by the territorial sea of the fishing zones as determined under the Territorial Sea and Fishing Zones Act.