

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Thursday, April 17, 1969

The house met at 2 p.m.

### ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

#### PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Third report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, in English and in French—Mr. Hales.

[*Editors Note: The text of the foregoing report appears in today's Votes and Proceedings*]

#### POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

##### TABLING OF REPORT ON PHILATELIC PRODUCTS

**Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Minister of Communications):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to section 2 of Standing Order 41 I wish to table two copies in French and two in English of the report of the special task force appointed last January with respect to the philatelic products of the Post Office.

#### NATIONAL CAPITAL

##### AMENDMENT TO B.N.A. ACT TO INCLUDE CITY OF HULL IN AREA

**Mr. Gaston Isabelle (Hull)** moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-188, to amend the British North America Act, 1867 (National Capital of Canada).

**Some hon. Members:** Explain.

**Mr. Isabelle:** The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to extend the limits of the capital of Canada so as to include therein the city of Hull, and additional areas as defined from time to time by the parliament of Canada.

[*Translation*]

In other words, this amendment to the constitution would give statutory authority to parliament to include in the national capital all the districts already included in the national capital area.

[*English*]

Through this bill we wish to ensure that equal rights are granted for all and special

privileges for no one, not even the city of Ottawa which has been privileged for so many years as a member of the national capital region.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

**Mr. Speaker:** When shall the said bill be read a second time? —at the next sitting of the house?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

• (2:10 p.m.)

### ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

#### AGRICULTURE

##### REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON SPECIFIC INTERIM ASSISTANCE MEASURES

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Minister without Portfolio from Saskatchewan in his capacity as Acting Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In view of the urgent representations made to the Agriculture Committee now in Saskatchewan, to the effect that western farmers face a crisis situation and need immediate assistance until programs for long term adjustment can be of benefit, will the minister say whether the government is now giving consideration to specific interim measures as suggested to the committee out west?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister without Portfolio):** The position of the government's consideration of this matter has been talked about by a number of my colleagues, and I am sure my colleague the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Olson) will be very interested in this connection to receive an early report from the Agriculture Committee on the representations which have been made.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Stanfield:** I was trying to give the minister an opportunity to be constructive. I should now like to ask him this: In view of the figures published today by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics showing that Canadian wheat stocks now stand at a record of over