

*Government Notice of Motion***CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS—
TRANS-CANADA AIR LINES**REFERENCE OF ANNUAL REPORTS AND BUDGETS TO
STANDING COMMITTEE

On the order:

Government notices of motion—The Minister of Transport—that the annual reports for 1963 of the Canadian National Railways and of the Canadian National Railways securities trust, the auditor's report to parliament for 1963 in respect of the Canadian National Railways, tabled on April 7, 1964, the budget for 1964 of the Canadian National Railways, tabled on March 30, 1964, the annual report of Trans-Canada Air Lines for 1963, the auditors' report to parliament for 1963 in respect of Trans-Canada Air Lines, tabled on March 6, 1964, and the budget for 1964 of Trans-Canada Air Lines, tabled on February 28, 1964, be referred to the standing committee on railways, canals and telegraph lines.

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether you would permit me to say that I understand there will be unanimous consent to adopt this motion immediately. If that is the case it would seem redundant to have it transferred from one order to the other, and I would make the necessary motion.

Mr. Speaker: Does the house give unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Gilles Grégoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, we are prepared to give our consent, but one thing is surprising in the resolution. Usually budgets of the C.N.R. and Air Canada were referred to a sessional committee of the house—besides that is what the acting leader told us yesterday. The record shows that budgets of the C.N.R. and Air Canada are to be referred to a sessional committee of the house; it has always been so in the past. Now, today, request is made that they be referred to the standing committee on railways, canals and telegraph lines, when there is no mention of airlines among the subjects to be considered by that committee.

That is why I think this calls for an explanation by the Minister of Transport. Why this change of policy this year, compared to previous years?

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Mr. Pickersgill: Mr. Speaker, if I may be permitted to say a word, there are two reasons. The first is that it is contemplated that there is going to be legislation which normally goes to the standing committee, and it was thought it would perhaps be better to try to

[*Mr. Favreau.*]

concentrate in one committee all those members really interested in transport questions so they would be continuously informed throughout the course of the session. The second reason is that we do seem to have a great deal of committee work going on during the present session, and a multiplicity of committees would create difficulty. I can assure all hon. members, if assurance is necessary, which I know it is not, that any substitutions of membership desired by any party will be promptly made by the whip.

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

SERVICES OF FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS, LABRADOR
BOUNDARY CHANGES*Question No. 744—Mr. Macquarrie:*

1. Have the services of the surveyor general of Canada, or any other agency of the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys, been requested by either the government of Quebec or the government of Newfoundland regarding their announced intention to discuss the exchange of 22,000 square miles of territory in Labrador and northern Quebec.
2. Have any departments of the government of Canada been advised of the projected boundary changes?

Mr. Lamontagne: 1. No.

2. No.

TWELVE MILE FISHING LIMIT

Question No. 880—Mr. Lambert:

1. What is the effective date of the proclamation of the Canadian government of a 12 mile limit off Canada's coast line?
2. Have any protests been received from foreign governments concerning the proclamation by Canada of the 12 mile limit?
3. How does the government of Canada propose to enforce this 12 mile limit?
4. What is the nature of the enforcement fleet referred to recently by the Minister of Fisheries on which Canada will rely?

Mr. Robichaud: 1. Legislation to establish a 12 mile fishing limit was introduced in the Senate on April 30.

2. I informed the house on April 27 that discussions have been taking place with countries which may be affected by Canadian action. We are hopeful that satisfactory arrangements will be worked out with countries concerned.

3. As above indicated, legislation for this purpose has now been introduced.