

STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER

I should like to draw the attention of the House to the fact that all the subsequent bills are non-government bills. As they will be appearing before me for the first time, I am not sure of either their bulk or their content, and I do not know whether or not they meet the requirements of the rules of the House in so far as their essentials are concerned. I must therefore enter a *caveat* by pointing out that, between now and the time they come up for second reading, such bills will be scrutinized and if there is any essential defect the House will be acquainted with that fact when the particular measure appears before us for second reading.

I realize that at the present time the House itself is not in a position to judge whether a bill is acceptable or not, because it is seeing it for the first time. An Order for first reading is merely a direction that a bill be printed so that honourable members may see it.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Knowles for Mr. Orlikow, seconded by Mr. Howard, by leave of the House, introduced Bill C-7, An Act to amend the Bankruptcy Act (Wage Earners' Assignments), which was read the first time and ordered for a second reading at the next sitting of the House.

Mr. Peters, seconded by Mr. Martin (Timmins), by leave of the House, introduced Bill C-8, An Act respecting the Jurisdiction of the Exchequer Court of Canada, which was read the first time and ordered for a second reading at the next sitting of the House.

Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Winch, by leave of the House, introduced Bill C-9, An Act to amend the British North America Acts, 1867 to 1960, with respect to the Readjustment of Representation in the House of Commons, which was read the first time and ordered for a second reading at the next sitting of the House.

Mr. Knowles, seconded by Mr. Howard, by leave of the House, introduced Bill C-10, An Act to provide for Minimum Wages for Employees in Federal Works, Undertakings and Businesses, which was read the first time and ordered for a second reading at the next sitting of the House.

Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Martin (Timmins), by leave of the House, introduced Bill C-11, An Act to amend the Trans-Canada Highway Act (Canada Highways), which was read the first time and ordered for a second reading at the next sitting of the House.

Mr. Peters, seconded by Mr. Fisher, by leave of the House, introduced Bill C-12, An Act to provide in Canada for the Dissolution and the Annulment of Marriage, which was read the first time and ordered for a second reading at the next sitting of the House.