

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, March 18, 1971

The House met at 2 p.m.

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PRESENCE IN SPEAKER'S GALLERY OF DELEGATION OF  
LEADERS OF CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY OF COUNCIL  
OF EUROPE

**Mr. Speaker:** The Chair has the honour and pleasure of drawing the attention of the House to the presence in the Speaker's gallery of a delegation of leaders of the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe. To many of you, our distinguished visitors need no introduction as you have met them in discussions and on social occasions during the past three days. Some members of the House have also become familiar with the Council of Europe through visits to Strasbourg as members of Canadian parliamentary delegations invited to participate in meetings of their Consultative Assembly.

[Translation]

It is the first time that we have the honour to welcome in our Parliament the members of the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe.

The talks we have had with those parliamentarians devoted to the cause of a united Europe, while being members of their own national Parliament, have enabled us to get a more accurate outlook on the wonderful development of Europe today.

[English]

On the basis of the valuable and, I hope, mutually satisfactory experiences of the last few days, I am sure I speak for the whole House in expressing the hope that these exchanges will continue to our mutual benefit.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

• (2:10 p.m.)

PRESENCE IN SPEAKER'S GALLERY OF PREMIER WILLIAM  
DAVIS OF ONTARIO AND CERTAIN CABINET MEMBERS

**Mr. Hees:** Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege, may I draw to the attention of the House that the premier of Ontario and a very important delegation—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. May I be allowed to bring to the attention of the House the presence in the Speaker's Gallery of another very distinguished group, the newly named premier of the province of Ontario, the Hon. William Davis, who is accompanied by very distinguished and senior members of his cabinet.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Speaker:** It is the hope, I am sure, of all members of the House that their deliberations in Ottawa will be beneficial to Ontario and to the people of Canada.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

## VETERANS AFFAIRS

[Translation]

Third report in both official languages of Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs—Mr. Legault.

[Editor's Note: For text of above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

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## BILINGUALISM AND BICULTURALISM

FINAL REPORT OF COMMISSION—REQUEST FOR UNANI-  
MOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette):** Under Standing Order 43, Mr. Speaker, I request the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion concerning a question of vital importance.

It has to do with an announcement by the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism which, after consideration of subjects dealing with the Supreme Court, Parliament, arts and culture, mass media and political equality, has decided not to make any report on those subjects, report which was to be submitted to the Secretary of State and, through him, to the House. That decision of the Commission is contrary to the instructions of the Governor in Council as formulated in the terms of reference of the Commission as well as to those of the House which has voted the required credits enabling the Commission to carry on its inquiry—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. Again, I must object to the way the motion is moved by the hon. member. Yesterday I took the liberty of mentioning to the hon. members for Sainte-Marie (Mr. Valade) and for Athabaska (Mr. Yewchuk), I believe, who were moving a motion under Standing Order 43, that they should limit their remarks to a brief indication of the urgency of the matter.

Under this order, the hon. member cannot express views on the substance of the matter for which he seeks consideration by the House. I therefore invite him to abide not only by the letter but also by the spirit of Standing Order 43.

**Mr. La Salle:** I was about to finish, Mr. Speaker. In view of the urgency of the matter, I ask the House to agree unanimously to the following motion:

That the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates be requested to inquire into the refusal of the Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism to print and publish its final report, and to report to the House on or before May 31, 1971.

**Mr. Speaker:** The House has heard the motion presented by the hon. member for Joliette (Mr. La Salle) pursuant to Standing Order 43. A motion of this kind requires