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to be extended; I wanted the bill passed so we could get on with the job, in the next 65 years, of making things even better not only for our senior citizens but for all the people of Canada.

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THE LATE HONOURABLE H. H. STEVENS

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, I should like to crave the indulgence of the House on a question of privilege to take note of a distinguished Canadian, one who was here for the reciprocity debate, the Hon. H. H. Stevens, a senior Privy Councillor, a distinguished, very progressive political leader, who has passed away. I can remember, as a young man of 11 years of age, attending a political meeting which he addressed with great vigour and incisiveness, and I think it would be timely, in this political assemblage, to pay tribute to the memory of a very great man.

Privy councillor, distinguished statesman, outstanding politician, he was also a teetotaler who brought the liquor laws to British Columbia, but that is not the most important reason for remembering him. I believe we should honour distinguished men who have carved paths of greatness, and I should therefore like to pay tribute to the late H. H. Stevens of British Columbia, who was a distinguished Privy Councillor, a distinguished politician and a member of this House.

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): Mr. Speaker, as the member for Vancouver Centre I endorse the observations the hon. member for Hillsborough has made. The Hon. H. H. Stevens was a former member for Vancouver Centre who in his lifetime represented all that was admirable in politics. He brought great honour and credit to his constituency and to the city of Vancouver. As a Vancouverite and British Columbian he will be very sorely missed indeed.

● (1430)

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, as one who had the privilege of having met Mr. Stevens and having had correspondence with him, and recalling in particular that the first time I ran was the last time he ran, I am glad to join in this tribute to the memory of one who served this parliament and this nation well.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS**WESTERN PROVINCES—ALLEGED STATEMENT BY
MINISTER OF JUSTICE—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS
CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION**

Mr. Bill Knight (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the alleged statement made on June 15 in Winnipeg by the Minister of Justice to

[Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre).]

the effect that the four western premiers are adopting shortsighted policies vis-à-vis the federal government, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Yorkton-Melville (Mr. Nystrom):

That this House instructs the federal government to start treating western Canada as a full-fledged member of confederation and that the federal government present at the July conference with the four western premiers policies which would offer solutions to the numerous problems which alienate western Canadians.

Mr. Speaker: Does the House give unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent.

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IMMIGRATION APPEAL BOARD ACT**PROVISION FOR APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY MEMBERS**

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-197, to amend the Immigration Appeal Board Act.

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

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

[Text]

*CRTC—BROADCAST OF "SESAME STREET"

Question No. 1,494—**Mr. Towers:**

In view of the Canadian component in "Sesame Street", is CRTC reviewing its decision not to grant this educational program a special category so that it can be broadcast without affecting the Canadian content regulation?

Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I am informed by the Canadian Radio-Television commission that the commission does not presently intend to review its decision on the establishment of a special category exempting superior educational programming like "Sesame Street" from relevant program content regulations. The Canadian component in "Sesame Street" will, however, be taken into account as complying with the Canadian content regulation requirements.

The commission has indicated that if a non-Canadian program such as "Sesame Street" were granted special status, then the requirement that television stations balance foreign programs with a greater percentage of Canadian programming would be unduly distorted, to the detriment of the Canadian content portion of the television schedule.