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TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

CONCURRENCE IN TENTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Grant Deachman (for Mr. Macaluso) moved that the tenth report of the standing committee on transport and communications, presented to the house on Friday, October 7, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

CRIMINAL CODE

AMENDMENT TO ELIMINATE PREMIUM STAMPS IN FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS

Mr. Milton L. Klein (Cartier) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-234, to amend the Criminal Code (elimination of premium stamps in food establishments).

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Klein: Mr. Speaker, the object of this bill is to eliminate the practice whereby supermarkets issue stamps redeemable in merchandise other than foodstuffs, which effects the elimination of competition in food prices as between supermarkets, makes for captive customers and adds to the cost of food items, to the detriment of the public.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

Mr. Speaker: When shall said bill be read a second time?

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I have taken the opportunity of speaking with the representatives of each of the parties, and I have good reason to believe that the request I now make will receive unanimous approval. My request is that the bill just introduced by the hon. member for Cartier be given priority and placed as the first item of business under the heading of private members' public bills, and that it retain that position until disposed of. May I make that request, Mr. Speaker?

Mr. Speaker: When shall the said bill be read a second time?

Mr. Howard: Is there no consent to making it an order of the house?

Mr. Speaker: It may be a little difficult to ascertain whether there is general consent among all members of the house that this bill be given the priority which the hon. member suggests it be given.

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Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: I regret very much having to advise the hon. member that there are negative voices heard by the Chair.

Mr. Howard: They were Liberal negative voices.

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed that the bill be read a second time at the next sitting of the house?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

AMENDMENT TO ELIMINATE TRADING STAMPS, COUPONS, ETC.

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-235, to amend the Criminal Code (trading stamps).

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Howard: It seems rather futile to introduce this bill after what the government members just did with respect to a bill of one of their own members. None the less, the purpose of this bill is similar to that enunciated by the hon. member for Cartier except that it goes beyond the concept of so-called trading stamps and includes coupons and receipts used for similar purposes, their purported design being to reduce food prices.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

● (3:00 p.m.)

NORTHERN AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL RESOURCES

GRANTING OF FURTHER POWERS TO STANDING COMMITTEE

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development) moved:

That, in addition to the powers granted July 13, 1966, to the standing committee on northern affairs and national resources, the said committee be also empowered to obtain further information relating to matters and projects dealing with national parks and historic parks and sites;

That for this purpose, the said committee be authorized to sit while the house is sitting or during adjournment of the house, to adjourn from place to place within Canada; and

That the clerk of the said committee and the necessary supporting staff do accompany the said committee.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to section 2 of standing order 21, this motion is transferred to and ordered for consideration under government orders at the next sitting of the house.