

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, June 26, 1969

• (2:10 p.m.)

The house met at 2 p.m.

PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS

ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY HON. MEMBERS OF
VOTING RESULT IN MANITOBA

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Before we proceed further I call on hon. members to have in mind what I said to the house a while ago about the type of demonstration which we have just experienced. I suggest that hon. members should co-operate with the Chair and with the house generally in this regard.

[Translation]

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

I notice, as you have also noted, that the members of the New Democratic party have put flowers on a desk because they won the election in Manitoba.

I should like to draw the attention of the house to the fact that we hold the balance of power in Manitoba.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Perhaps the flowers ought to be kept on the hon. member's desk. I suggest that they should be removed from the house.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Ninth report of Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence—Mr. Wahn.

Fifth report of Standing Committee on Public Accounts—Mr. Hales.

MISCELLANEOUS PRIVATE BILLS AND STANDING ORDERS—CONCURRENCE IN FOURTH REPORT

Mr. Philip G. Givens (York West) presented the fourth report of the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills and Standing Orders and moved that the report be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

[Translation]

PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS—CONCURRENCE IN SEVENTH REPORT

Mr. Ovide Laflamme (Montmorency) presented the seventh report of the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, in French and in English, and moved that the report be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

[Editor's Note: Text of foregoing reports appears in today's Votes and Proceedings.]

NATIONAL SECURITY

TABLING OF REVISED REPORT OF ROYAL COMMISSION—STATEMENT BY PRIME MINISTER

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, on November 1, 1968, I indicated to the house that the government hoped it would be possible to make public an expurgated version of the report of the Royal Commission on Security. I also expressed the hope that whatever expurgated version was published would have the certification of the commissioners themselves that any deletions from the original report made by the government had been made in the interest of national security only, and for no other reason.

Despite the length of time which has been taken for the detailed study required to prepare such an abridged version, I am very pleased indeed to table copies of the revised report, in both official languages, bearing the certification of the commissioners as follows:

"The report of the Royal Commission on Security as originally submitted to the Governor in Council in October, 1968, included some material which in this published version has been omitted or amended in the interest of national security. These changes are of small significance in the context of the report as a whole, and the royal commissioners agree that they do not affect the substance of the report or its recommendations."

I might add that copies of the revised report were sent yesterday to the leaders of the opposition parties, to the Right Honourable member for Prince Albert, as a Privy Councillor and a former prime minister, and as well to former prime ministers Pearson and St. Laurent.