

Mr. Laing (Vancouver South), seconded by Mr. MacEachen, by leave of the House, introduced Bill C-208, An Act to amend the Pension Act, the War Veterans Allowance Act, the Civilian War Pensions and Allowances Act, the Children of War Dead (Education Assistance) Act and the Department of Veterans Affairs Act to provide for the annual adjustment of pensions and allowances payable thereunder, which was read the first time and ordered to be printed and ordered for a second reading at the next sitting of the House.

The text of the Message and recommendation of the Governor General pursuant to Standing Order 62(2) in relation to the foregoing Bill is as follows:

His Excellency the Governor General recommends to the House of Commons a measure to amend the Pension Act, the War Veterans Allowance Act, the Civilian War Pensions and Allowances Act and the Children of War Dead (Education Assistance) Act to provide that pensions and allowances payable thereunder will be escalated annually to reflect the full amount of any increase in the Consumer Price Index with the initial escalation to be effective from January 1, 1972 with no decrease where in a year there is a reduction in the Index; to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Act to provide that regulations made under paragraph 6(1)(e) of that Act may be amended at any time during the first six months of 1972 with effect from January 1, 1972; and to provide further for other related and consequential matters.

By unanimous consent, on motion of Mr. MacEachen, seconded by Mr. Laing (Vancouver South), it was ordered,—That the Public Accounts for the year ended March 31, 1969 and the year ended March 31, 1970, and the Reports of the Auditor General thereon, together with the evidence adduced by the Committee during the Second and Third Sessions of the 28th Parliament, be referred to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion of Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton), seconded by Mr. Benson,—That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government.

And debate continuing;

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West), seconded by Mr. Bell, moved in amendment thereto,—That all the words after "That" be deleted and the following substituted therefor: "while acknowledging certain beneficial provisions in the budget proposals, this House regrets the failure of the government to bring forth effective measures to relieve unemployment, to provide incentive for Canadian investment in Canadian development or to propose personal tax relief for stimulation of the economy."

And debate arising thereon;

Mr. Saltzman, seconded by Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre), moved in amendment to the said proposed

amendment,—That the amendment be amended by changing the period at the end thereof to a comma, and by adding immediately thereafter the following words:

"it being the view of this House that a substantial reduction in personal income tax on low and middle incomes should replace the tax cuts and other hand-outs to corporations."

And debate arising thereon;

*(Proceedings on Adjournment Motion)*

At 10.00 o'clock p.m., the question "That this House do now adjourn" was deemed to have been proposed pursuant to Standing Order 40(1);

After debate the said question was deemed to have been adopted.

*Changes in Committee Membership*

Notice having been filed with the Clerk of the House pursuant to Standing Order 65(4)(b), membership of Committees was amended as follows:

Messrs. Southam and McBride for Messrs. Cadieu and Badanai on the Standing Committee on Agriculture.

Messrs. Stafford and Trudel for Messrs. Deakon and Robinson on the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

Messrs. Lundrigan and Howard (Skeena) for Messrs. Schumacher and Skoberg on the Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration.

Messrs. Thomson (Battleford-Kindersley) and Badanai for Messrs. Peters and Borrie on the Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works.

Mr. Nystrom for Mr. Burton on the Standing Committee on Regional Development.

*Returns and Reports Deposited with the Clerk of the House*

The following papers having been deposited with the Clerk of the House were laid upon the Table pursuant to Standing Order 41(1), namely:

By Mr. Andras, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council,—Copies of Order in Council P.C. 1972-756 dated April 25, 1972, amending Part II of the Schedule to the Hazardous Products Act, pursuant to section 8(3) of the said Act, chapter H-3, R.S.C., 1970. (English and French).—Sessional Paper No. 284-1/160B.

By Mr. Jamieson, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council,—Report of the Canadian National Railways for the year ended December 31, 1971, pursuant to section 40 of the Canadian National Railways Act, chapter C-10, R.S.C., 1970. (English and French).—Sessional Paper No. 284-1/96.