

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, May 13, 1969

The house met at 2 p.m.

[Translation]

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

CONCURRENCE IN THIRD REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON MISCELLANEOUS PRIVATE BILLS AND STANDING ORDERS

Mr. Gérard Duquet (Quebec East) moved that the Third Report of the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills and Standing Orders be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Seventh and Eighth Reports of the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications, in French and in English—**Mr. H.-Pit Lessard (LaSalle)**.

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

[English]

STANDING COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT—MOTION TO PERMIT VISIT TO PROGRAMS

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I should like to move, seconded by Mr. MacEachen:

That the Standing Committee on Regional Development be granted leave to adjourn from place to place within Canada for the purpose of examining regional development programs, and that the clerk of the committee and the necessary supporting staff be authorized to accompany the committee.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

HAL BANKS—POSSIBILITY OF RENEWING EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): I have a question for the Prime Minis-

ter, Mr. Speaker. As the Secretary of State of the United States, Mr. Rogers, made it very clear in his interview with Senator Fanning that the new United States government is prepared to extradite Harold Banks as soon as the Canadian government makes an application for such extradition, and as the government of Ontario has made it clear it is anxious to have Mr. Banks extradited so that he can face perjury charges and also serve his five-year sentence, is it the intention of the government to make an application to the new government of the United States to extradite Mr. Banks?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I think the Minister of Justice would have to answer this question. I have not been in consultation with him on the matter.

Mr. Hees: As the new government has been in office in the United States for some four months, during which time the Minister of Justice has refused to make such an application, is this refusal due to the fear that Mr. Banks might talk about important financial contributions which he made to the Liberal party before he skipped the country to the United States?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member will recognize that his question is argumentative.

HOUSING

REQUEST FOR GUIDELINES ON URBAN RENEWAL

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): In the absence of the Minister without Portfolio in charge of housing, may I direct my question to the Prime Minister and ask him whether the guidelines for urban renewal and public housing will be made available to hon. members prior to the discussion of the amendments to the National Housing Act?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Not prior to the discussion, Mr. Speaker, although it is conceivable that in his presentation the minister may wish to talk about such guidelines.

POSSIBILITY OF REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Almost two weeks ago, Mr. Speaker,