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CANADIAN CONSTITUTIONAPPROVAL BY QUEBEC LEGISLATURE OF
PROPOSED AMENDMENT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister. In view of the press report from Quebec city to the effect that the Quebec provincial legislature may take a ten day break toward the end of this month, will the Prime Minister tell the house whether the government has any assurance from the government of Quebec that the resolution regarding approval of the British North America Act amendment that relates to the Canada pension plan will be dealt with by the Quebec legislature before it takes a break?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, we expect it to be dealt with next week.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

INQUIRY AS TO WORDS TO BE USED

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert C. Coates (Cumberland): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister which relates to the resolution on the order paper with regard to two anthems for Canada, and with regard to the "O Canada" anthem. I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether the words of this anthem will be the French version and, if not the French version, which one of the English versions?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, these matters will be discussed when we debate the resolution on the anthem.

NATIONAL DEFENCENEGOTIATIONS TO WITHDRAW FROM NUCLEAR
DEFENCE ROLE

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Gordon Churchill (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. In view of the overwhelming nuclear power now in the hands of the United States for military purposes, as disclosed by President Johnson, will the Prime Minister inform the house whether the government is now negotiating out of its nuclear role in accordance with the promise made by the Prime Minister over a year ago?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, negotiations are proceeding, as has been announced to the house, regarding Canada's defence role in the years ahead.

Mr. Churchill: Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister if he will disclose to the house the nature of the negotiations going on concerning Canada's future defence role. My question concerned getting out of the nuclear role, which the Prime Minister promised he would do.

Mr. Pearson: Mr. Speaker, this is obviously too large a question to answer satisfactorily on the orders of the day while negotiations are proceeding. My hon. friend has been a minister and he ought to know and does know, of course, that you do not disclose negotiations of this kind when you are in the middle of them.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REORGANIZATION
OF MILITIA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Associate Minister of National Defence whether he has yet received the report of the Suttie committee.

Hon. Lucien Cardin (Associate Minister of National Defence): No, Mr. Speaker. As hon. members know, the Suttie commission were asked to study the reorganization of the militia. They have finished their work and are now preparing their report. I understand that the first part of the report is now being translated and it should be available within perhaps a week. There will be a second part of the report, which I imagine will appear toward the end of the month.

HEALTH AND WELFAREPRECAUTIONS AGAINST SPREAD OF U.K.
TYPHOID EPIDEMIC

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. A. Olson (Medicine Hat): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the typhoid epidemic now raging in certain parts of the United Kingdom; also in view of the fact that large numbers of tourists and other people are travelling between the United Kingdom and Canada, is the government taking any special precautions to see that this disease does not spread into Canada?