

2. That the motions for consideration of objections be taken up after the orders of the day have been called.

3. That for Wednesday, April 27, the motions relating to individual constituencies in Quebec, but not the two motions proposing general changes, be taken first and be followed by the motions relating to the reports on Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, in that order.

4. That subject to paragraph 3 all motions pertaining to the report on redistribution in a province be considered by the house at the same time.

I should like to ask that this agreement be made an order of the house.

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed that the suggestions made by the parliamentary secretary be made an order of the house?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: It is so ordered.

● (2:50 p.m.)

[Translation]

PAROLE ACT

AMENDMENTS RESPECTING COMMUTATION OF DEATH SENTENCES

Mr. Auguste Choquette (Lotbinière) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-172, to amend the Parole Act (Power to Commute a Sentence of Death).

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Choquette: Mr. Speaker, this bill is not any more controversial than the one I introduced on Monday. It is corollary to the one agreed to and read the first time on Monday. If Mr. Wagner has decided to renew proceedings in the cases of Marcotte and Dion, he is wasting his time, because he will not be able to send them to the gallows.

The object of this bill is to hand over to the judicial power what should, in my humble opinion, be under its jurisdiction, and not under the executive power. According to the provisions of the bill, the Court of Appeal alone could approve a commutation of a death sentence. The board would act only on the recommendation of the Court of Appeal.

Motion agreed to.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the house that the hon. member shall have leave to introduce the said bill?

Parole Act

An hon. Member: Nø.

Mr. Speaker: All those in favour will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Speaker: All those opposed will please say nay.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Choquette moves that the bill be read a first time.

[Translation]

Mr. Prosper Boulanger (Mercier): On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, since the member for Lotbinière seemed to rush through his explanation, especially when he referred to Mr. Wagner, I am not sure of the words which will appear in *Hansard* and I know they will be rather worthwhile. Therefore, with your permission I should like my colleague to repeat his remarks so that they will be quite clear.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The words spoken have been heard and will be duly reported in the official report.

[English]

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): I rise on a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker. The gratuitous observations of this gentleman cannot pass unchallenged. It is very interesting that he now backs away from the position he previously took, and has no trust in his own administration or the cabinet of this country.

Mr. Speaker: Order. There is obviously no question of privilege here.

Mr. Choquette: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: I must ask the hon. member to kindly resume his seat.

[Translation]

Mr. Choquette: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. I thank the Leader of the Opposition for not attempting to introduce the—

Mr. Lambert: You idiot.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Lotbinière will no doubt let the Chair make a ruling first regarding the question of privilege which he raised. I must tell him that there is no question of privilege and that the matter may not be debated any further.