

*Canada Elections Act*

we should refer it to the standing committee on privileges and elections in which we will, later on, begin consideration of the elections act in general. Perhaps this suggestion in this bill could be considered in connection with certain other suggestions we will be receiving in respect of the elections act.

**Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond):** Will the minister permit a question?

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** Yes.

**Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond):** I have listened to remarks of hon. members in support of this amendment this afternoon, and they made no mention of being against this particular move.

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** I think the hon. member in back of the hon. gentleman expressed some doubt about it. In addition, I may say the hon. gentleman's leader has a certain hesitation about the bill.

**Mr. Lundrigan:** It was quite obvious from my remarks I was expressing, not reluctance but support for the hon. member, it was equally obvious that I said this was a good beginning. If the minister checks the record he will find I said it was a good beginning, but will have to be taken further. I am all for making good beginnings.

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** Nevertheless, I think I am right in saying there is a certain number who would like to refer the subject matter to the committee. I should like to move, therefore:

That Bill No. C-16, an act to amend the Canada Elections Act, be not now read a second time but that the subject matter of the bill be referred to the standing committee on privileges and elections.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Before this motion carries, and we hope it will, may I ask the President of the Privy Council if he will give an undertaking that he will also be referring to the committee on privileges and elections at this session the elections act itself, and the report of the committee on election expenses?

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** I have already indicated to the hon. gentleman's house leader that the government will be making a statement in that regard. I hope the committee will also give consideration to the not inconsiderable number of bills introduced by other private members of the house, some of which will not have the benefit of debate as this one has.

**Mr. Baldwin:** Would the President of the Privy Council be big enough also to include in such consideration the electoral boundaries as well, since there are two or three private bills concerned with this matter?

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** It is a very useful suggestion, Mr. Speaker.

Motion agreed to, and bill referred to the standing committee on privileges and elections.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard):** The hour for the consideration of private members business has now expired.

**BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** Perhaps before the house adjourns I should indicate, for the benefit of hon. members, that the business for Monday will be as announced yesterday, namely second reading and committee stage of the bill to amend the Post Office Act.

**Mr. Baldwin:** On Monday?

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** That was the order for all next week, I take it?

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** No, that is the order for Monday; the farm bills will be dealt with on Tuesday.

At six o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.