

Routine Proceedings

Pursuant to Standing Order 69(1), the motion is deemed adopted.

Bill read the first time and printed.

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CANADA ELECTIONS ACT**MEASURE TO AMEND**

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-397, an act to revise and consolidate the Canada Elections Act, the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act and related acts and to amend and repeal certain other acts as a consequence.

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The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Pursuant to Standing Order 68(2), the motion is deemed adopted.

Mr. Duhamel: Mr. Speaker, this bill is being put forward with a number of ideas that could help to correct many of the flaws which have prevented people from voting in the past.

It responds to the disenfranchisement of those in the past who were unable to vote and had a legal right to do so. For example people out of the country, either living or travelling would be able to vote. There are more opportunities for women in the political process. There is the possibility of aboriginal constituencies; a \$1,000 cap on contributions from interest groups and lobbyists; improved guidelines for election expenses; lengthening of the voting date to permit more people more access to voting. Those are the main points. Finally the bill includes a reduction in the length of the campaign to 47 days.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Mr. Duhamel moves that the bill be now read the first time and printed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 69(1), the motion is deemed adopted.

Bill read the first time and printed.

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MURAL CAPITAL OF CANADA ACT**MEASURE TO ENACT**

Mr. David D. Stupich (Nanaimo—Cowichan) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-398, an act declaring Chemainus the mural capital of Canada.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Pursuant to Standing Order 68(2), the motion is deemed adopted.

Mr. Stupich: Chemainus is a little town on Vancouver Island in my riding. It was condemned to death when the only real industry in the town decided to close up shop and leave.

The town did not accept the death sentence. The citizens got together and decided to make Chemainus important for other reasons and they did. It became a very important tourist destination by having a large number of murals created in the town, some 32 to date with more on the way, large ones and small ones, far more than any other community in Canada.

This bill would recognize Chemainus as being the mural capital of Canada.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Mr. Stupich moves that the bill be now read the first time and printed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 69(1), the motion is deemed adopted.

Bill read the first time and printed.

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MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT RETIRING ALLOWANCES ACT**MEASURE TO AMEND**

Hon. Alan Redway (Don Valley East) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-399, an act to amend the members of Parliament Retiring Allowances Act.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Pursuant to Standing Order 68(2), the motion is deemed adopted.

Mr. Redway: Mr. Speaker, this bill deals with the pensions of members of Parliament. It prohibits double dipping, that is, the receipt by former members of Parliament of pensions from the Government of Canada or an agency of the Government of Canada or a Crown corporation. It would also prohibit a former member of Parliament from collecting a pension until they reach the age of 60.

This is a matter of great concern and interest to all members of this House. It is also a matter of great concern and interest to all Canadians. This bill is essentially the same as the amendments I put last June, at a time when the President of the Treasury Board indicated he was going to be appointing a review committee to look at the pensions of members of Parliament. That has not been done as yet. I trust that this bill will deal with the matter once and for all and bring it to a head.