

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, May 8, 1972

The House met at 2 p.m.

## PRIVILEGE

MR. GIBSON—BASIS FOR QUESTION ON CHANGING OF "DOMINION DAY" TO "CANADA DAY"

**Mr. Colin D. Gibson (Hamilton-Wentworth):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of personal privilege. I wish to deny the error made by the right hon. member for Prince Albert (Mr. Diefenbaker) when he falsely stated that I asked a planted question on the subject of Canada Day in the House, as quoted in the *Hamilton Spectator* of Friday, May 5. Actually, the foundation for the question was my own private members' bill which has been filed and has been before parliament since last October. I request—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member must know that he has to give the Chair the required notice in writing before raising a question of this kind. No notice, to my knowledge, has been sent to my office; therefore the matter cannot be pursued.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

### REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

APPEARANCE OF MINISTER BEFORE STANDING COMMITTEE—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. John Burton (Regina East):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to move a motion under Standing Order 43. I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House instruct the Standing Committee on Regional Development to invite the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion to appear before the committee this week in order to provide answers to questions posed at previous meetings on grants and other related matters concerning McCain Foods Limited, the distribution of industrial incentive grants by province, and the failure of the Department of Regional Economic Expansion to maintain an adequate check on the impact of its grants on other industrial operations.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I am not sure whether this motion has not already been put to the House. I appreciate there is nothing in the rules to indicate that a motion cannot be put ten times on the same day or ten times on ten consecutive days, but I think that would be an abuse of the rules. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** The motion cannot be put.

## CANADA ELECTIONS ACT

### AMENDMENT TO ENFRANCHISE PRISONERS

**Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-202, to amend the Canada Elections Act (prisoners enfranchised).

**Some hon. Members:** Explain.

**Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):** Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to permit inmates of jails and penitentiaries to vote in federal elections. It is submitted in the belief that prisoners must, to the greatest degree possible, exercise responsibility in the democratic process if their re-entry into society is to be successful.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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• (1410)

[Translation]

## REPRESENTATION COMMISSIONER ACT

### AMENDMENT RESPECTING SALARY

**Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-203, an Act to amend the Representation Commissioner Act.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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[English]

## VETERANS AFFAIRS

### AUTHORIZATION OF STANDING COMMITTEE TO HEAR EVIDENCE FROM CERTAIN ASSOCIATIONS RESPECTING DISABILITY PENSIONS

On the order: Government Notices of Motions:

The President of the Privy Council:

That the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs be authorized to hear evidence from spokesmen for:

1. The Hong Kong Veterans Association of Canada,
2. The National Prisoners of War Association, and

3. The Dieppe Veterans and Prisoners of War Association, concerning disability pensions of members of the armed forces who were prisoners of war.

**Mr. Speaker:** Pursuant to section 2 of Standing Order 21, this notice of motion is transferred to and ordered for consideration under government orders at the next sitting of the House.