

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, May 9, 1972

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

On the order: Motions.

Mr. Lewis: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I thought that perhaps the government might have considered making a statement on motions about the serious situation in southeast Asia. Can the Prime Minister inform the House whether that is the intention of the government?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, I do not intend giving an undertaking to make a statement at this point. It is possible we will want to make one, but at this stage we are trying to get more knowledge of the facts and a better feeling of the situation.

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CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD ACT

AMENDMENTS RESPECTING DETERMINATION OF PAYMENT FOR WHEAT—EXTENSION OF APPLICATION TO FLAXSEED, RYE AND RAPESEED

On the order: Introduction of Bills.

April 27, 1972—The Minister responsible for the Wheat Board—Bill intituled: "An Act to amend the Canadian Wheat Board Act."

Mr. MacEachen: May I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker? With respect to this bill of which notice is given, there have been discussions among the House leaders and because this is the same bill as was reported out of committee last session it is understood that when and if it is given first reading it will be moved forward to the report stage on the understanding that hon. members will be able to move amendments in the usual way and will not be confined to the amendments that were moved in the last session. If the House is of a mind to do so, I should like to have an order which would put this bill at the report stage, where it stood at the prorogation of the last session, on the understanding that hon. members might move amendments either as in the former session or new report stage amendments.

Mr. Speaker: Is this agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: It is so ordered. Is it the intention that we now proceed with first reading of this bill on the basis of the order of the House?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (for the Minister responsible for the Wheat Board) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-204, to amend the Canadian Wheat Board Act.

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

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to the order made a few moments ago this bill stands for consideration at the report stage.

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CRIMINAL RECORDS ACT

AMENDMENT RESPECTING YOUNG OFFENDERS WITH ONE CONVICTION

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe North) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-205, to amend the Criminal Records Act.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Rynard: This bill is aimed particularly at those young offenders who have been convicted once of an offence such as the possession of marijuana or driving while impaired and who go on to lead useful lives but whose progress is marred by having a criminal record.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 26

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

ESCALATION OF VIET NAM WAR

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Mr. Speaker, I ask leave, seconded by the hon. member for Greenwood (Mr. Brewin), to move the adjournment of the House under Standing Order 26 for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter requiring urgent consideration, namely, the dangerous escalation of the war in Viet Nam, ordered by the President of the United States, which poses a serious threat to world peace.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for York South has given the Chair due notice of his intention to request leave to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing what he has termed "the dangerous escalation of the war in Viet Nam".