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friends were saying things like: "Guaranteed, my son", and most of them could dance a pretty mean jig by the time they were 16 or 17 years old. The influence which was felt, the environmental effects, were shared on both sides.

I think this motion is important because Canada and the United States are in the midst of a number of negotiations and discussions on defence matters, on trade questions and other matters which can lead from time to time to a high degree of rhetoric from both sides of the border. From time to time some of us on both sides of the border find ourselves wrapped in the flag and saluting the National Anthem. What this motion really does is remind us that despite the differences we may have from time to time between governments on questions of policy, our two peoples share this North American Continent as good neighbours. Neither of us, particularly those on the northern side of the border, are tenants. We are co-owners. As my friend, the Hon. Member for Windsor West, said, good fences make good neighbours, but there can be no question that despite the debates which are ongoing in this country and in this Parliament, and with our differences, the people of the United States of America and the people of Canada have been and shall remain the best of friends on this continent.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

[Translation]

QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, if Question No. 15 could be made an order for return, the return would be tabled immediately.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that Question No. 15 be deemed to have been made an order for return?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

[Text]

BROADCAST OF HOUSE OF COMMONS PROCEEDINGS

Question No. 15—Mrs. Cossitt:

- 1. Has a broadcasting licence been granted to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation to broadcast the House of Commons proceedings and, if so, what are the details of the licence?
- 2. Has the CBC ever utilized the parliamentary channel to broadcast non-parliamentary programs or events and, if so, what were they and, in each case, on what dates?
- 3. Did the CBC obtain prior authority and (a) if so (i) from whom (ii) on what date (b) if not, for what reason?
- 4. Was advertising revenue realized from any of the broadcasts and, if so, in what amount?

Return tabled.

[Translation]

Mr. Lewis: Mr. Speaker, I ask that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I ask that all notices of motions for the production of papers be allowed to stand.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Shall all notices of motions stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

TERRITORIAL LANDS ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. Bill McKnight (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development) moved that Bill C-43, An Act to amend the Territorial Lands Act, be read the second time and referred to a Legislative Committee.

Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic): Mr. Speaker, it is a great pleasure for me to be able to speak on Bill C-43 this afternoon, an Act which would amend the Territorial Lands Act. If I might be permitted a personal comment, it is a double pleasure, not only because this is good legislation, but it is also something with which I have been constantly and intimately involved for at least a dozen years. Although this place operates slowly, if one is persistent and waits long enough, one can achieve success, and the people of the Territories are achieving success this afternoon.

The objective of this legislation is to allow the Northwest Territories to take over the responsibility for forest protection and management and to allow for the possibility of the Yukon doing likewise in the future, should it so wish. It is interesting to note that for many years now, forest protection, forest fire fighting in the Territories, was done pursuant to Territorial legislation. It was done by the Forest Protection Ordinance now called the Forest Protection Act of the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories. However, it was administered federally. As a result of negotiations, a transfer date of April 1, 1987, has been set for this transfer to take place. Hence, the need for expeditious passage of the Bill. I am