

Routine Proceedings

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

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COMMEMORATION OF THE BIRTHPLACE OF CONFEDERATION ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

Mr. George Proud (Hillsborough) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-229, an act to commemorate the birthplace of Confederation.

He said: Madam Speaker, at the 1864 conference in Charlottetown, a feeling of anticipation and hope was born. This bill will fulfil the mandate by promoting symbols of a united Canada with plaques and other signs to mark sites and buildings of the Charlottetown Conference. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase a very special event in our history while pointing toward our common goal of unity.

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CRIMINAL CODE

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Winnipeg South Centre) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-230, an act to amend the Criminal Code (ministerial review).

He said: Madam Speaker, this bill is designed to deal with some of the more serious breaches of judicial review that we have seen in recent years. I speak specifically of the David Milgaard case and the Don Marshall case, where applications were made to review cases that were held up many years and there was serious questioning about the application of objectivity and independence.

This bill would propose the amending of the Criminal Code to have a special council appointed by the minister to review all these kinds of applications for reconsideration of criminal matters or cases of this kind and would provide an objective, independent review of the case.

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

FAMILY ALLOWANCES ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Winnipeg South Centre) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-231, an act to amend the Family Allowances Act.

He said: Madam Speaker, this bill is a proposal to amend the Family Allowances Act to deal with perhaps one of the most shameful aspects of Canadian society; the extreme poverty faced by many women with children.

The Senate report that was just released a few months ago points out that close to 900,000 Canadian children live below the poverty line. What is quite clear from that report is that much of it begins in the period where pregnancy begins.

This act is designed to amend the Family Allowances Act to provide payment of the family allowance during the last six months of pregnancy to many women subject to certain conditions, and I recommend it to the House.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

MOTION TO EXTEND HOURS OF SITTING

Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Madam Speaker, I move:

That, pursuant to Standing Order 27(1), the House continue to sit beyond the ordinary hour of daily adjournment, until 10.00 p.m. on June 11, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21, 1991.

Mr. David Dingwall (Cape Breton—East Richmond): Madam Speaker, there has been some discussion among representatives of the parties, but of course the government has the right under the Standing Orders to proceed today with extending the hours.

I would hope that perhaps later today the parliamentary secretary or the government House leader could indicate to the House, in view of the extension of the hours which will take place on June 11, 13 and 17, 18, right through to the 21st, the bills that will be called, the motions that will be debated on the floor, in order to inform the respective critics of our party so that they can be here to participate.