

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, December 17, 1969

The House met at 2 p.m.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I have the honour to inform the House that a message has been received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate has passed Bill C-169, an Act to grant to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 1970.

[Translation]

I have the honour to inform the House that a message has been received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate has passed, without any amendment, Bill C-2, an Act to amend the Judges Act; and also

A message informing this House that the Senate has passed the following bills, to which the concurrence of this House is desired:

Bill S-12, an Act to prevent the introduction into Canada of infectious or contagious diseases.

Bill S-13, an Act to amend schedule A of the Bank Act.

[English]

### ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

#### TRADE

#### TABLING OF LETTER FROM JAPANESE AMBASSADOR RESPECTING RESTRAINTS ON EXPORTS TO CANADA

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, with the permission of the House I should like to table a copy of a letter dated December 11, 1969 from the Japanese Ambassador informing me of the restraints being applied by the Japanese government on exports of certain products to Canada during 1969. These restraints are being applied by the Japanese government following consultations between representatives of the Japanese and Canadian governments.

If the House approves, I propose that the ambassador's letter be printed as an appendix to *Votes and Proceedings*.

Discussions have been held with the Japanese authorities regarding the levels of their exports to Canada of certain man-made fibre textile products, including polyester-cotton fabrics, which are not included in the list annexed to the ambassador's letter of products subject to specific levels of restraint. Discussions with Japanese representatives are continuing on this matter.

● (2:10 p.m.)

As hon. members will be aware, similar products are also the subject of discussions being held between Japan and the United States. We are keeping ourselves informed of the progress of these discussions. It will be appreciated that at this stage of confidential talks between ourselves and our various trading partners it would be inappropriate for me to go into details. A further report to the House will be made at a later date.

[Later:]

**Mr. Speaker:** Perhaps I should refer to the statement made by the Minister of Finance a moment ago. I believe he asked for leave of the House that the letter to which he referred be included in *Votes and Proceedings*. Is this agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Editor's note: For text of letter see today's *Votes and Proceedings*.]

#### INDIAN AFFAIRS

#### SUPPRESSION OF PROTESTS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford):** Mr. Speaker, I seek the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion under Standing Order 43. I base my reasons for obtaining unanimous consent on the serious implications of the statement reportedly made yesterday by the Minister of National Revenue in which he threatened Indian leaders of the St. Regis reserve that any further demonstrations against government policy could be suppressed by the Canadian army.