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the legislation for reasons which we will have to discuss in the committee.

May I also say that the object of the consumer movement, as it is the object of the department, is to make it possible for consumers to make rational choices, informed choices, and to enhance the comparability of competing products. I think we can help accomplish this with Bill C-180, and I am sure we will discuss exhaustively in committee the reasons unit pricing is not contained within the provisions of the bill.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs.

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### BUFFALO AND FORT ERIE PUBLIC BRIDGE COMPANY

#### AMENDMENTS RESPECTING BORROWING POWER AND TERMINATION OF JURISDICTION

The House proceeded to the consideration of Bill C-179, respecting the Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Company, as reported (without amendment) from the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs.

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (for the Minister of Finance)** moved that Bill C-179, respecting the Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Company, as reported (without amendment) from the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

**Mr. MacEachen** moved that the bill be read the third time and do pass.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

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### ANTI-DUMPING ACT

#### AMENDMENTS RESPECTING TRIBUNAL, INQUIRIES, REPORTS, ETC.

The House proceeded to the consideration of Bill S-6, to amend the Anti-Dumping Act, as reported (with an amendment) from the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs.

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (for the Minister of Finance)** moved that Bill S-6, to amend the Anti-Dumping Act, as reported (with an amendment) from the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

**Mr. MacEachen** moved that the bill be read the third time and do pass.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

[Mr. Basford.]

### LEPROSY ACT

#### PROVISION FOR REPEAL

**Hon. Ron Basford (for the Minister of National Health and Welfare)** moved that Bill S-7, to repeal the Leprosy Act, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs.

**Hon. J. A. MacLean (Malpeque):** Mr. Speaker, perhaps one of the ministers could take this opportunity to give a brief explanation of the bill.

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to repeal the Leprosy Act which has really fallen into disuse, and is no longer required on the statute books of Canada.

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, we are happy to agree to the second reading of this bill at this time. We have done quite a good portion of work this Wednesday afternoon. Maybe we could get some other pieces of legislation through also.

**Mr. Béchard:** Old age pensions?

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** That is right. Maybe we could pass my amendment to retain the escalation clause with respect to the basic old age pension. However, I rose simply to say it is interesting to note that we have made sufficient progress in the field of health in Canada, so far as leprosy is concerned, that we do not need this legislation any more. It cannot be said that leprosy has been eradicated so far as the world scene is concerned, and I hope we will continue to make our contribution to the World Health Organization, and in other ways, towards needed improvement in health standards around the world. Meantime, it is good to note this forward step, and we are happy to agree to second reading of the bill.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs.

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### BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** What about taking up item No. 27?

**Mr. MacEachen:** Mr. Speaker, I have consulted with the representative of the Official Opposition and at the moment it is not certain whether there might not be a wish to have discussion on this order, No. 27, which is to refer the trade agreement between Canada and New Zealand to the External Affairs Committee. So, in accordance with that expression of opinion I thought I would not call that item today.

There are no other items that I would like to call today because of the arrangements that have been made up to the moment, but I wish to say that tomorrow probably we will continue with the Old Age Security Act, and that any regulations that might impede the submitting of