

The Royal Assent

members of my party in extending to the right hon. member for Prince Albert (Mr. Diefenbaker) our deepest sympathy at this time.

As has been indicated already by the Leader of the Opposition, Olive Diefenbaker was known by Canadians throughout the country as a warm and thoughtful woman, a fine person, and a gracious human being. She is going to be missed by all those who knew her and, in particular, deeply missed by the right hon. gentleman from Prince Albert.

[Translation]

Mr. Charles-Eugène Dionne (Kamouraska): Mr. Speaker, I associate with my colleagues to extend to the right hon. member for Prince Albert (Mr. Diefenbaker) and his family our most sincere condolences in those circumstances.

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[English]

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that a message has been received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate have passed Bill C-19, to amend or repeal certain statutes to enable restraint of government expenditures, without any amendment.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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THE ROYAL ASSENT

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that the following communication has been received:

Government House
Ottawa

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Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Right Honourable Bora Laskin, P.C., Chief Justice of Canada, in his capacity as Deputy Governor General, will proceed to the Senate Chamber today, the 22nd day of December at 5.45 p.m. for the purpose of giving Royal Assent to a Bill.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
Edmond Joly de Lotbinière,
Administrative Secretary
to the Governor General.

Mr. Speaker: I would like to take this occasion to extend to all hon. members and others—although I must confess there is some temptation to make certain specific exclusions in respect to the generosity of the invitation—

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

[Mr. Broadbent.]

Mr. Speaker: However, in line with notice given if the House should proceed to the consideration of a motion, and if the House should decide in its wisdom that following upon Royal Assent or some hour later today that the House should adjourn for a period of time, as has been the delightful and customary practice in the past it would be my great honour to receive all hon. members and some of their guests later on this afternoon.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

BROADCASTING, FILMS AND ASSISTANCE TO THE ARTS

First report of Standing Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts, in both official languages.—Mr. Douglas (Bruce-Grey).

[Editor's Note: For text of above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

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[English]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**TABLING OF F.B.I. REPORT ON DEATH OF ANNA MAE AQUASH**

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I wish to table in both official languages the text of information provided on September 15, 1976, by the Federal Bureau of Investigation on the investigation into the death of Anna Mae Aquash.

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FISHERIES**TABLING OF CHARTS DELINEATING 200 MILE FISHING ZONE ON EAST AND WEST COASTS**

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I wish to table in both official languages the Canadian Hydrographic Surveys charts illustrating the geographic coordinates of the new 200 mile fishing zone to take effect on the east and west coasts on January 1, 1977.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Statements by ministers. The hon. member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath) on a point of order.

Mr. McGrath: This is a point of order, Mr. Speaker, which I think it might be appropriate to raise at this time. If Your Honour will hear me I shall endeavour to be brief.