

Canada Elections Act

armed forces to choose where they wish to vote.

Sometime during the months of January or February each year the members of the armed forces are allowed to choose their place of voting. We know that when people join up they automatically vote in the place at which they joined the services. Sometimes our armed forces personnel are stationed in a community for five years. They are active in that community and have much more knowledge of what is going on there than their place or origin. There is provision for these people to transfer their vote, but I do not think it is a simple matter. This decision has to be made in January or February but if an election is called in March it is too late for them to change. I believe this situation should be considered to see whether we cannot make some more practical provision for these people.

I support the suggestion of other hon. members that people in hospitals, bedridden patients and people who cannot leave their homes should be given an opportunity to vote. This would take care of much of the 33 per cent to which reference has been made.

Mr. Benjamin: Don't cut one of your colleagues off. How can you do that to a member of your own party?

Mr. Cobbe: I believe there are many people who are deprived of the privilege of voting because they cannot get to the polls.

I should like to put the following motion:

That the said motion be deemed to have been withdrawn and that the subject matter thereof stand referred to the standing committee on privileges and elections.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): It is my duty, pursuant to standing order 40, to inform the house that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Moose Jaw (Mr.

Skoberg)—Corporations and Labour Unions Returns Act—failure to file returns; the hon. member for Lotbinière (M. Fortin)—Airport—Quebec—site of international airport; the hon. member for Richmond (Mr. Beaudoin)—Airport—Quebec—site of international airport.

It being six o'clock the house stands adjourned until 8 p.m.

At six o'clock the house took recess.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

AFTER RECESS

The house resumed at 8 p.m.

HISTORIC SITES AND MONUMENTS ACT

AMENDMENTS RESPECTING BOARD MEMBERSHIP, REMUNERATION, ETC.

Hon. Jean Chretien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development) moved the second reading and reference to the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development of Bill C-153, to amend the Historic Sites and Monuments Act.

He said:

[*Translation*]

Mr. Speaker, this is an amendment to the act amending the Historic Sites and Monuments act. This is a quite normal measure which implies no considerable change. The first part of the change that we want to bring about is to enable an official of the National Museums of Canada to sit on the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada.

When the government was reorganized in 1964, the representative of the National Museums of Canada lost his seat on the board and we thought that, in view of the common interest the National Museums of Canada and the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada it would be advisable to appoint again a member of the National Museums to the board. As this board is concerned in particular with the historic sites and monuments of Canada, all hon. members will realize the importance for the board, considering its task of conservation, to benefit from the superior knowledge and the guidance of a representative from the National Museums of Canada.

As to the second part of this act, which is very brief, we would like to amend the section which sets out the remuneration of the