HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, April 28, 1971

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

EAST PAKISTAN CONFLICT—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, under Standing Order 43 I move, seconded by the hon. member for Saint John-Lancaster (Mr. Bell):

That this House express its anxiety concerning events in East Pakistan and urge that the government of Canada take such steps as are feasible toward assisting the reduction of human suffering and the forestalling of widening hostilities;

That the government take the lead in bringing about the shipment of medical supplies for the relief of the suffering of the East Pakistan people and that the House indicate its willingness to depute some of its members to act as observers in the area of conflict and suffering if such a role should be deemed helpful in this crucial issue.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Hillsborough. Under the terms of Standing Order 43 unanimous consent is required.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent. Therefore the hon. member's motion cannot be put to the House.

• (2:10 p.m.)

PRIME MINISTER'S RESIDENCE ACT

AMENDMENTS TO CHANGE NAME AND PROVIDE RESIDENCES FOR LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION AND SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-241, to amend the Prime Minister's Residence Act.

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

SENATE AND HOUSE OF COMMONS ACT

AMENDMENTS RESPECTING MEMBERS' SESSIONAL AND EXPENSE ALLOWANCES, ETC.

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-242, to

amend the Senate and House of Commons Act, the Members of Parliament Retiring Allowances Act, and an act to make provision for the retirement of members of the Senate.

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

JUDGES ACT AND FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION
ACT

AMENDMENTS RESPECTING JUDGES' SALARIES AND ANNUITIES, AUDITOR GENERAL'S SALARY

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-243, to amend the Judges Act and the Financial Administration Act.

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

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

ESTIMATED LOST PRODUCTION AS RESULT OF UNEMPLOYMENT, 1971

Question No. 638-Mr. Orlikow:

What estimates has the government received for 1971 for the value of lost production as a result of unemployment as compared with what production would have been in 1971 if there were full employment, namely, only 4% unemployed in the coming year?

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Attention is directed to Hansard, page 3326, dated February 12, 1971.

ESTIMATED UNEMPLOYMENT, 1971

Question No. 639-Mr. Orlikow:

What estimates has the government received from departments or agencies as to anticipated unemployment month by month for the year 1971—either actual or seasonally adjusted rates?

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): See the reply made this day to Question No. 638.

AIR CANADA—CHECK OF BILINGUALISM

Question No. 831-Mr. MacRae:

1. Was an employee of the Language Commissioner or any department employed to check bilingualism among Air Canada