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2.00 o'clock p.m.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Thomas (Maisonneuve), seconded by Mr. Leblanc (Laurier), by leave of the House, introduced Bill C-177, An Act respecting the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act, which was read the first time and ordered to be printed and ordered for a second reading at the next sitting of the House.

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Greene, seconded by Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale),—That Bill C-144, An Act to provide for the management of the water resources of Canada including research and the planning and implementation of programs relating to the conservation, development and utilization of water resources, be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works.

And on the amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Comeau, seconded by Mr. McCleave,—That all the words after "That" be struck out and the following substituted therefor:

"since it does not spell out, declare or assume a federal jurisdiction in pollution control matters; since no specific commitment of federal funds has been made; and since provision for establishment of water use standards, pollution offences, and penalties are not nation-wide but are limited to water quality management areas, this bill is therefore ineffective as a basis for a national water pollution control program and the Minister is directed by the House to redraft Bill C-144 to include these and other fundamental omissions before it is read a second time."

RULING BY MR. SPEAKER

Mr. SPEAKER: May I express my appreciation to those honourable Members who have taken part in this brief debate on the procedural point that has