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### PRAYERS

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion of Mr. Allmand, seconded by Mr. Sharp,—That Bill C-84, An Act to amend the Criminal Code in relation to the punishment for murder and certain other serious offences, be now read a third time and do pass.

And debate continuing;

Mr. Condon, seconded by Mr. Knowles (Norfolk-Haldimand), moved in amendment thereto,—That Bill C-84, An Act to amend the Criminal Code in relation to the punishment for murder and certain other serious offences, be now read a third time but that it be read a third time this day three months hence.

And debate arising thereon;

Pursuant to Standing Order 43, on motion of Mr. Brisco, seconded by Mr. Johnston, it was resolved,—That the House of Commons, representing all Canadians, extends congratulations and best wishes to the Mayor and Municipal Council, and to all the people of Trail, British Columbia, on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the incorporation of this industrial and industrious community in south central British Columbia.

Mr. Speaker presented the First Report of the Special Committee on Rights and Immunities of Members, which is as follows:

In accordance with its Order of Reference of Thursday, February 19, 1976, your Committee has, in a preliminary manner, reviewed the rights and immunities of Members of the House of Commons and examined the procedures by which such matters are dealt with by the House. The Committee has not yet reached the point in its deliberations where it is ready to submit firm recommendations to the House, although sufficient ground has been covered to enable the Committee to report progress.

Your Committee held four meetings during which it studied various aspects of parliamentary privilege. The Committee was assisted at these meetings by Mr. Alistair Fraser, Clerk of the House; Mr. Philip Laundry, Director of the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament; and Mr. Norman B. Willans, a legal research officer of the Library of Parliament. On the Committee's instructions Mr. Willans prepared background material summarizing cases involving breach of privilege and contempt in the Canadian House of Commons, the British House of Commons, and the Australian House of Representatives. One of the papers prepared dealt with questions of privilege raised in the Canadian House of Commons but not referred to the