

Redistribution

change, that the area near the head of St. Margaret's bay should not become part of the south shore area but should remain in the proposed Uniacke riding.

● (6:00 p.m.)

I should like to deal with two other points. First, with regard to the city of Halifax, we suggest to the commission that it do one of two things. The northwest corner of Halifax is taken out to go into the riding immediately west. We suggest that to avoid political confusion the commission follow the ward 7 boundaries in the northwest section of the city. The boundaries determined by the commission have no relation to the ancient ward system of Halifax. Alternatively, if it will not consider making the change to satisfy municipal lines, we suggest that it make the change to satisfy the new provincial lines set up since the commission sat and since we presented our petition. This would be to take out and put in the western riding that area bounded by Windsor street North and Chebucto, and the Dutch Village road.

There is a population of about 2,000 at the eastern end of Halifax county which we suggest remain in the Dartmouth-Halifax East riding, rather than go into Central Nova. Our submission is that this area is not a viable unit attached to Pictou county and part of Colchester county. There is a cross-country road between these areas but it is a small one; the major roads in the area run along the coastline. The area has its economic interest identified with Halifax and Dartmouth and its political roots—and politics, of course, are important to Nova Scotians—are tied in with the area immediately to its west.

For these reasons, Mr. Speaker, I would hope the commission would pay some heed to the wishes of the inhabitants of that area and would take a look at the various points we have presented. We have presented them in a non-partisan way, trying to make units as compact and as nearly identifiable with existing units as possible. With those remarks, Mr. Speaker, and with our fingers crossed, we send these speeches to the commission through Your Honour. I would point out that I was right on the dot of seven minutes.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Does this complete the consideration of Objection No. 15?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The house having considered this objection, it will be the duty of Mr. Speaker, pursuant to section 20 of the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act, to refer the report of the Boundaries Commission, together with a copy of the objection and also a copy of the debates of the house, back to the commission for reconsideration thereof.

Mr. Ron Basford (Vancouver-Burrard): Mr. Speaker, I would seek the permission of the house to revert to routine proceedings for a moment.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Does the house give unanimous consent to revert to routine proceedings?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

BROADCASTING, FILMS AND ASSISTANCE TO THE ARTS

Third report of the standing committee on broadcasting, films and assistance to the arts—Mr. Basford.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Starr: Mr. Speaker, before we adjourn I would point out that it was arranged that the individual representations from Quebec, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick would be considered today. I would assume that since all these representations have been considered except those in connection with New Brunswick, representations in respect of New Brunswick will be heard first tomorrow, in addition to any others that the house leaders might decide upon at their meeting tomorrow morning.

Mr. Stewart: I understand that is acceptable to the government house leader, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Knowles: Agreed.

It being at seven minutes after six o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.