Tuesday, October 15, 1974

The House met at 11 a.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

NATIONAL DEFENCE

TABLING OF LETTER FROM GENERAL DEXTRAZE TO MEMBERS OF FORCE

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, as agreed in the House on Friday, I am pleased to table, in English and in French, a message from the chief of the defence staff, General Dextraze, to the Canadian armed forces, dated September 1974.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

PROCEDURE RESPECTING INTRODUCTION OF PUBLIC BILLS ON ORDER PAPER

Mr. Speaker: May I refer to the practice which has been followed with regard to the introduction and first reading of private members' public bills. On today's order paper there are listed some 158 bills standing in the names of various hon. members. It was neither practical nor possible for the Chair to review the provisions of each of these bills. May I therefore suggest to the House that we adopt the procedure agreed upon in the past several sessions, namely that we proceed to the introduction and first reading of those bills so that each may be scrutinized between now and its being called for second reading in order to allow the Chair to consider whether there is any defect in the bills in respect of the practices and usages of the House.

I suggest that by unanimous consent all public bills listed in the names of private members for introduction on today's order paper be deemed to have been introduced, given first reading and ordered to be printed, and to stand for second reading at the next sitting of the House, subject of course to a subsequent examination as to the regularity of each bill. Is the procedure to which I have referred agreed to by the House?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

PRIVATE MEMBERS PUBLIC BILLS

FIRST READINGS

Bill C-201, to amend the Bank of Canada Act-Mr. Caouette (Témiscamingue).

Bill C-202, to amend the Canada Pension Plan (housewives' contributions and benefits)-Mr. Saltsman.

Bill C-203, to amend the Criminal Code (loan sharking)-Mr. Robinson.

Bill C-204, to establish the Office of Ombudsman-Mr. Reid.

Bill C-205, to amend the British North America Act, 1867 (abolition of the Senate)—Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre).

Bill C-206, to amend the Inquiries Act (publications of reports)—Mr. Alexander.

Bill C-207, to amend the British North America Act, 1867 (tenure of place of Senators)—Mr. McKinnon.

Bill C-208, respecting Heritage Day-Mr. MacGuigan.

Bill C-209, to amend the Canadian Citizenship Act (minimum residence requirement)—Mr. Prud'homme.

Bill C-210, to provide for the protection of domestic animals while in transit—Mr. O'Sullivan.

Bill C-211, to amend the Broadcasting Act (advertising on children's programs)—Mr. McGrath.

Bill C-212, to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1971—Mr. Oberle.

Bill C-213, to amend the Canada Elections Act (publication of the result of opinion polls)—Mr. Coates.

Bill C-214, to amend the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act—Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West).

Bill C-215, respecting the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation Act—Mr. Fleming.

Bill C-216, respecting Crown corporations (not agents of Her Majesty)—Mr. Fortin.

Bill C-217, to amend the National Trade Mark and True Labelling Act (octane rating of gasoline)—Mr. Francis.

Bill C-218, to provide for the establishment of an Indian-Eskimo Employment Authority—Mr. Watson.

Bill C-219, to amend the Criminal Code (abortion)—Mr. Beatty.

Bill C-220, to amend the Criminal Records Act-Mr. Rynard.

Bill C-221, respecting National Youth Appreciation Week-Mr. Reynolds.

Bill C-222, to amend the Canada Elections Act (prisoners enfranchised)—Mr. MacDonald (Egmont).