

Mr. Turner, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, laid upon the Table,—Copies of the Report of the Commission of Investigation, dated June, 1970, established under the Inquiries Act, Part II, relating to C. A. Leonard, E. Hockett and J. Kreeger. (Chairman—Judge Ernest J. C. Stewart.) (English and French).—Sessional Paper No. 4/110A.

Mr. Trudeau, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, laid before the House,—Copies of Volume 5 Final Report of the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism, dated February 14, 1970, (Joint Chairmen—Messrs. A. Davidson Dunton and Jean-Louis Gagnon) entitled: Book V—"The Federal Capital, Book VI—Voluntary Associations". (English and French).—Sessional Paper No. 4/101B.

Mr. Sharp, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, laid upon the Table,—Copies of booklets outlining Foreign Policy for Canadians. (English and French).—Sessional Paper No. 4/83.

Mr. Prud'homme, seconded by Mr. Thomas (Maisonneuve), by leave of the House, introduced Bill C-266, An Act to amend the Canadian Citizenship Act (Minimum residence requirement), which was read the first time and ordered to be printed and ordered for a second reading at the next sitting of the House.

Bill C-215, An Act respecting the franchise of electors and the election of members to the House of Commons, was again considered in Committee of the Whole and progress having been made and reported, the Committee obtained leave to consider it again later this day.

STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER

MR. SPEAKER: As honourable Members know, two motions were made earlier today under Standing Order 26. I indicated to the House I would consider the matter and have consultation. I have given this consideration to the matter and feel that in view of all the circumstances the benefit of the doubt should be given to the honourable Members who have moved these motions. I gather it would be the desire of all honourable Members to have an occasion to debate this matter before the House recesses, whenever that may be. In view of the circumstances for today and tomorrow it is my view that the debate should be held tomorrow afternoon at four o'clock. I suggest to honourable Members however that there could very well be discussion among the House leaders. I gather such discussions have already taken place and that there is a possibility the debate might be held earlier this evening rather than tomorrow afternoon. I should like to leave this aspect of the negotiations in the hands of the House leaders.

By unanimous consent, the hour for Private Members' Business was suspended.

The House resumed consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bill C-215, An Act respecting the franchise of electors and the election of members to the House of Commons which was reported with amendments and concurred in at the report stage.