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OF CANADA

OTTAWA, THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 1969.

2.00 o'clock p.m.

PRAYERS.

Three petitions were presented in accordance with Standing Order 67(1).

Mr. Laflamme, from the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, presented the Fifth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Thursday, March 27, 1969, your Committee has considered the question of privilege raised by the member for York-Simcoe, viz, the refusal of the government upon his election to the House of Commons to pay to him the accumulated vacation leave provided as a normal practice to those leaving the Public Service.

Your Committee held one meeting and heard the following witnesses:

Mr. John Roberts, M.P.;

Dr. Maurice Ollivier, Q.C., Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel;

Mr. J. P. Connell, Assistant Secretary (Personnel), Treasury Board.

Your Committee reports as follows:

1. The question of privilege is well founded.
2. Your Committee is of the opinion that in the light of the accepted practice, an injustice occurred when Mr. Roberts upon his election to the House of Commons could not be paid for the accumulated vacation provided as a normal practice to those leaving the Public Service.
3. Your Committee is of the opinion that the services to the government of Mr. Roberts as executive assistant to a minister of the Crown for which payment is claimed, were performed before he became a member of the House of Commons and, although the government may make an ex gratia payment