

The Address—Mr. Pearson

right hon. friend has just moved such a motion of no confidence, and that of course cannot be supported by those sitting on this side of the house.

I was moved by what the right hon. gentleman said about the effect of centennial year on the national spirit and national unity. I agree with him, and I am sure all hon. members share my feeling, that this celebration of our centennial of confederation is strengthening the pride and confidence of Canadians in their own country. This spirit has given us a greater sense of unity and strength and an appreciation and understanding of what we have achieved and what we can achieve.

It seems to me that we have arisen from the psychoanalyst's couch; we are up and doing things again. We are more aware also of what we have done, and therein lies the value of the lesson of history. We have a strong faith in our future and in our ability to solve the difficult and complex problems facing us. I think that Expo '67 has itself made a brilliant and important contribution to this new Canadian feeling.

The right hon. gentleman mentioned some of the proposals in the speech from the throne. I should like to deal with some of those and some that were not mentioned in the speech. No speech from the throne includes all of a government's legislative proposals. I remember that when I was sitting opposite the right hon. gentleman produced some most exciting proposals after the speech from the throne had been read.

Mr. Diefenbaker: They were only amplifications.

Mr. Pearson: Perhaps I have improved on that technique by bringing forward certain proposals before the speech from the throne was read. A good deal, of course, is before us, and I hope that the house is able to take action before any summer adjournment on certain matters which I shall mention. The debate on the address has to be disposed of. We must have approval of the main estimates and the budget has to be introduced and debated. Certain bills I think ought to be dealt with before any summer recess. These are the immigration bill, the Cape Breton Development Corporation bill, the Canadian Wheat Board bill, the Canadian citizenship bill and the interpretation bill. Because I agree completely with what the right hon. gentleman has said about the importance of broadcasting in our national life and the necessity for action by the government and parliament, I hope that we shall be able to

introduce before the summer recess the broadcasting bill, even though it may not be dealt with until autumn. I also hope it will be possible to introduce in an appropriate way the resolution on capital punishment.

We have a list of legislative proposals, and a good deal of this legislation appeared on the order paper in the previous session. A good deal of this legislation ought to be completed during our centennial year. It includes the budget bill and appropriation acts—these can be left until autumn if we make satisfactory progress—changes in the divorce law, criminal code amendments, including provisions relating to abortion, contraception and hate literature, the revision of the rules of the house—we have already set up a committee for that purpose—the revision of the Canada Corporation Act, Food and Drugs Act amendments, amendments to the Publication of Statutes Act, an amendment to Parliamentary Secretaries Act, the Canada manpower and immigration council bill, the National Museum bill, and certain other measures not previously introduced or mentioned in the speech from the throne but which may be dealt with either this summer or autumn.

If I seem to have produced a long list, may I remind hon. members that in the last session of the House of Commons we brought into law 83 bills. If we could pass 83 bills during the last session with all the diversionary difficulties we encountered I hope we shall deal without too much difficulty with the following list of legislation: National Parks Act amendments, the federal co-operatives bill, Pension Act amendments, Post Office Act amendments, National Energy Board Act amendments, Juvenile Delinquents Act amendments, Farm Improvement Loans Act amendments, Currency, Mint and Exchange Fund Act amendments, Canadian National Railways Financing and Guarantee Act amendments, 1967-68 Emergency Gold Mining Assistance Act amendments, Proprietary or Patent Medicine Act amendments, and hazardous substances legislation.

That is the kind of program I hope we shall accomplish during our centennial year, and there are other, smaller, non-controversial bills which I hope by agreement may be brought forward whenever the opportunity arises. I have listed these pieces of legislation, apart from those which I hope will be passed before a summer recess, not in any necessary order of priority. I am aware that if we are to pass these bills, if we are to accomplish this