Proposed Legislation

leader of the House that I shall be instructing forthwith the Chief Clerk of Committees to convene immediately a meeting of the Standing Committee on Regional Development so that the committee can elect a chairman and vice-chairman and obtain the appropriate reference from the House to proceed with an examination—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for St. John's East will probably have expected my ruling that this is not a question of privilege.

[Translation]

ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES READJUSTMENT ACT

CHANGE IN NAME OF CONSTITUENCY

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-162 entitled "An Act respecting the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Forest: Mr. Speaker, that bill aims only at changing the name of the Missisquoi constituency.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

• (2:10 p.m.)

[English]

STANDARDS COUNCIL OF CANADA

ESTABLISHMENT, OBJECTS AND POWERS, ORGANIZATION, ETC.

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-163, to provide for the establishment of a Standards Council of Canada.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

NEWFOUNDLAND TUNNEL AUTHORITY

PROVISION FOR ESTABLISHMENT

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-Si. George's-St. Barbe) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-164, to establish a Newfoundland Tunnel Authority.

Some hon. Members: Explain. [Mr. McGrath.] Mr. Marshall: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to establish an authority to undertake all preparatory steps necessary with a view ot the ultimate construction of a tunnel between the island of Newfoundland and the mainland of Labrador, with the objective of promoting an all-weather, multipurpose connection between those two land masses in the general interest of the national economy.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

COMMUNITY ANTENNA TELEVISION RATE OF RETURN

Question No. 80-Mr. Rose:

1. Is the Government of Canada and/or the Canadian Radio-Television Commission presently giving favourable consideration to imposing formal limits on the financial rate of return of Community Antenna Television (CATV) systems in Canada?

 $2. \ {\rm If}$ so, when is a decision expected on this issue?

3. If not, what are the reasons for not imposing a formal rate of financial rate of return?

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): 1. No.

2. Not applicable.

3. I am informed by the Canadian Radio-Television Commission that the CATV undertakings licenced by the CRTC are not public utilities subject to fixed rate of return structures determined by statutory bodies. However, the CRTC recognizes that its duty to implement the policy of the Broadcasting Act in the public interest may involve considerations of costs to the public and a licensee's responsibility for programming, both of which may affect the financial rate of return.

HOME MAIL DELIVERY

Question No. 99-Mr. Mather:

1. Which Canadian communities presently have the population to qualify for home mail delivery but are not receiving such a federal service?

2. What are the reasons for this discrimination and when is it expected that the above communities will be given home mail delivery?

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General and Minister of Communications): 1. The basic requirement for the establishment of an independent letter carrier delivery service is

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