

divide this amount among constituents and then see how much you have left. As an experienced Member of Parliament I believe I have some contribution to make in this House and to the welfare of our country, at least more than was the case 13 years ago when I came here as a greenhorn. Therefore, I wish to set out my views on what I believe is a very difficult situation. I realize there are members here who sincerely need this increase in pay because they have no other source of income. I wish to state also that I believe most members so far have indicated—

## PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

### SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Richard):** Order, please. It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: The hon. member for Hamilton Wentworth (Mr. Gibson)—Elections—Provision of right to vote to Canadians residing outside country; the hon. member for Humber-St. George-St. Barbe (Mr. Marshall)—National Parks—Bonne Bay—Letting of contract for survey work; the hon. member for Selkirk (Mr. Rowland)—Youth—Opportunities for Youth Program—criteria used in considering applications.

**Mr. MacEachen:** I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I should like the consent of the House to revert to motions for a moment in order to move a reference to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts which has been requested. This is a reference I promised the committee some time ago. If I had the consent of the House, I would move it.

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

● (5:00 p.m.)

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

### PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

#### AUTHORITY FOR STANDING COMMITTEE TO HEAR MINISTERS OF NATIONAL DEFENCE AND SUPPLY AND SERVICES IN RESPECT OF "BONAVENTURE" REFIT

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council):** I move:

That the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be given authority to hear the Minister of National Defence and the Minister of Supply and Services in respect of procedural changes made and action taken in accordance with item 5 of the report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts on paragraph 101, refit and improvements of HMCS *Bonaventure* laid before the House May 13, 1970.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Richard):** The House has heard the motion of the President of the Privy Council (Mr. MacEachen). Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

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### National Education Standards

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Richard):** It being five o'clock, the House will now proceed to the consideration of private members business, as listed on today's order paper, namely, notices of motions.

## PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

[Translation]

### EDUCATION

#### REQUEST FOR NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON UNIFORM STANDARDS AT PRIMARY AND SECONDARY LEVELS

**Mr. Louis-Roland Comeau (South Western Nova)** moved:

That, in the opinion of this House, the government of Canada should consider the advisability of taking the initiative in securing the collaboration of the provinces in the convening of a national conference on uniform standards in primary and secondary education.

He said: Hon. members will recall that this subject was debated on March 2, 1970. I do not intend to repeat the arguments that were put forward then, nor do I intend to repeat my own arguments. However, I am very concerned about this matter, and it is for that reason I have again included this motion on the Order Paper in this session.

Last year the motion was talked out, and it will probably receive the same treatment this year. But if I can achieve one purpose, that is to get the provinces along with the federal government, but particularly the provinces, to look at this problem and to consider it at any future conferences, then I will have achieved something. So I am certainly glad to have another opportunity to debate this matter. It is a very important matter because it affects both youth and the movement of families. This debate also gives me an opportunity to respond to some of the objections raised by hon. members in the last debate on this subject. At that time, some hon. members felt, for one reason or another, that they could not support the motion while others felt they could. So, my argument today will be a rebuttal of the arguments put forward by hon. members on March 2, as recorded at page 4242 of *Hansard* of that date.

I wish to make it very clear that I believe educational matters are the responsibility of the provinces. Section 93 of the British North America Act sets this down very clearly. I am not advocating that the federal government take over this responsibility. The motion simply calls for the convening of a conference for the specific purpose of trying to work out a deal whereby our students will not lose credits by moving from province to province. I am simply advocating a greater co-operation between provinces rather than that the federal government take over education because, while education is a provincial matter, surely we agree that the federal government is also involved in it. Grants and loans are made to the prov-