Introduction of Bills

PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYMENT ACT PUBLIC SERVICE STAFF RELATIONS ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-216, an Act to amend the Public Service Employment Act and the Public Service Staff Relations Act (political rights).

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that the Hon. Member shall have leave to introduce the said Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Benjamin: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this Bill is to provide public servants with the right to engage in political activity, as may any other Canadian who is not a public servant, and to be a candidate in a federal, provincial or territorial election. It would add political allegiance and activities to the list of things they can do and would provide the right for a public servant to engage in political activity after working hours.

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

LOUIS DAVID RIEL

MEASURE TO REVOKE CONVICTION

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-217, an Act to revoke the conviction of Louis David Riel.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that the Hon. Member shall have leave to introduce the said Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Benjamin: Mr. Speaker, 1985 will mark the 100th anniversary of the conviction and hanging of Louis Riel. The purpose of this Bill is to revoke the conviction of Louis David Riel for high treason as opposed to merely granting him a posthumous pardon.

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

NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREE ZONE ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-218, an Act to declare Canada a nuclear weapons-free zone.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that the Hon. Member shall have leave to introduce the said Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Benjamin: Mr. Speaker, to lend strength to Canada's arguments and efforts to achieve a nuclear freeze and nuclear arms reductions, this Bill will declare Canada to be a nuclear weapons-free nation.

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.)

Mr. Paul Dick (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State (Government House Leader)): Mr. Speaker, the following question will be answered today: No. 15.

[Text]

CANADA POST CORPORATION LAWYERS

Ouestion No. 15-Mr. Howie:

How many lawyers are employed by the Canada Post Corporation?

Hon. Perrin Beatty (Minister of National Revenue): Eleven lawyers are employed by the Canada Post Corporation.

[English]

QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

Mr. Paul Dick (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State (Government House Leader)): Mr. Speaker, if question No. 38 could be made an order for return, this return would be tabled immediately.

Mr. Speaker: Shall question No. 38 be made an order for return?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

[Text]

PUBLIC WORKS—CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN NEW

Question No. 38-Mr. Howie:

On January 1, 1984, were any Department of Public Works construction projects under way in New Brunswick and, if so, what were they?

Return tabled.

[English]

Mr. Dick: I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Does the Hon. Member wish to be recognized on this matter?