HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, March 19, 1971

The House met at 11 a.m.

[Translation]

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

MISCELLANEOUS ESTIMATES

Third report of Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates, in the two official languages—Mr. Clermont (on behalf of Chairman).

[Editor's Note: For text of above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

[English]

PILOTAGE

TABLING OF PART IV OF ROYAL COMMISSION REPORT

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): In accordance with Standing Order 41 (2) I wish to table in the two official languages part IV of the report of the Royal Commission on Pilotage by Mr. Justice Yves Bernier.

An hon. Member: Is that the last volume?

Mr. Jamieson: One more to come.

Mr. Greene: A momentous day.

[Later:]

Mr. Coates: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. Is there any possible way we could mark today as a special red letter day to celebrate the fact that this week the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism and the Royal Commission on Pilotage, two of the longest and most expensive commissions in Canada's history, have concluded their work?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Jamieson: On the question of privilege, Mr. Speaker, I would like to inform the House that the hon. member's proposition is premature. There is still another volume to come on pilotage.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

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PROCEDURE AND ORGANIZATION

CONCURRENCE IN THIRD REPORT OF STANDING

Mr. D. Gordon Blair (Grenville-Carleton) moved that the third report of the Standing Committee on Procedure and Organization, presented to the House on Tuesday, March 16, 1971, be concurred in.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed. Motion agreed to.

• (11:10 a.m.)

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I need the unanimous consent of the House in reference to a bill dealing with air piracy. The bill is on the notice paper but does not appear on the order paper because I had not filed it in time. I have spoken to the house leaders of the various parties and am assured that there would be unanimous consent if you would ask for it on my behalf.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member requires the unanimous consent of the House in order to obtain leave to introduce a bill. Is it so agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

CRIMINAL CODE

AMENDMENT RESPECTING AIR PIRACY

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-231, to amend the Criminal Code (air piracy).

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker, I can be very brief. There have been two incidents of air piracy in Canada recently, one that did not amount to a crime because the party in question changed his mind. This bill would apply where an aircraft is unlawfully seized in Canada and sets down in a foreign country, or is unlawfully seized in a foreign country and sets down in Canada. There are other terms and conditions set out in the bill, but its purpose is to amend the Criminal Code in reference to hijacking or air piracy.

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