

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, May 30, 1989

The House met at 11 a.m.

Prayers

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*English*]

ORDER IN COUNCIL

TABLING AND REFERENCE OF APPOINTMENT

Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to table, in both official languages, an order in council appointment which was made by the Government, and pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 110(1) it is deemed referred to the appropriate standing committee.

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ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES READJUSTMENT ACT

MEASURE TO CHANGE NAME OF CONSTITUENCY FROM RENFREW TO RENFREW—NIPISSING—PEMBROKE

Mr. Len Hopkins (Renfrew) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-245, an Act to change the name of the electoral district of Renfrew.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Hopkins: Mr. Speaker, I thank the House for its co-operation in this matter. Previous to the last redistribution the constituency I represented was called Renfrew—Nipissing—Pembroke. Pembroke is the largest community between Ottawa and North Bay, and a large section of the district of Nipissing is also in my constituency. Those two areas have been left out of the name by the redistribution commission.

I travelled 205 miles one way from my home in Petawawa to Sudbury to make part of the representation to the commission there, and I also appeared before the commission in Nepean. The commission saw fit not to accept the simple continuation of the previous riding name.

The secretary of the commission had a discussion with me. I felt that it was a simple decision, that it was not very difficult. However, in the commission's returns it simply called the riding Renfrew, which does not identify major parts of the constituency.

I would only recommend that in future, in order to prevent all the hassle of introducing Private Members' Bills, the Electoral Boundaries Commission be more sensitive to the recommendations of Members and other people from constituencies on the procedure of naming the ridings in order that they relate to the district.

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

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CANADIAN POTATO MARKETING ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

Mr. Vic Althouse (Mackenzie) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-246, an Act respecting the orderly marketing of potatoes.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the said Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Althouse: Mr. Speaker, this Bill is being offered out of frustration with the process. In 1973 the Horticultural Council of Canada passed a resolution to set up a marketing agency for potatoes. In 1974 a Potato Action Committee with producer and government officials recommended an agency without supply management. There were nine drafts of a plan. I would point out that a plan follows from a legislative proposal. That died from lack of pressing.