

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, January 15, 1960

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

### THE GOVERNOR GENERAL

ADDRESSES IN SENATE CHAMBER TO BE PRINTED  
IN HOUSE OF COMMONS DEBATES

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to move, seconded by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Pearson):

That the speech of His Excellency the Governor General, Major General Georges Philias Vanier, D.S.O., M.C., C.D., together with the address of welcome made by the Prime Minister in the Senate chamber on September 15, 1959, be printed as an appendix to the official report of debates of the House of Commons, and form part of the permanent record of this parliament.

I might add in this connection that similar action was taken on April 12, 1946, when Right Hon. Mr. King made the same motion concerning the induction ceremony of Right Hon. Viscount Alexander of Tunis. I should in fairness point out that apparently the same course was not followed in connection with Mr. Massey, but on previous occasions it has taken place. I thought I ought to place that point before the house, and hope that this motion should be accepted.

Motion agreed to.

*[For text of addresses above referred to, see appendix to today's Hansard.]*

### BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

INQUIRY AS TO APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL  
COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE POLICY

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. L. B. Pearson (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether the government proposes to provide during the present session for an examination of defence policy through the appointment of a small special committee for that purpose.

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, when the debate opens on Monday the government's views in general will be discussed, and defence policies will be one of those matters that will be dealt with. In the meantime I suggest that the question remain until Monday, at which time, having regard to press references, I take it, that the hon. gentleman is going to have something to say on this subject.

### GRAIN

REQUEST FOR SPEED-UP OF SHIPMENTS  
THROUGH VANCOUVER

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** I should like to direct a question to the Acting Minister of Trade and Commerce or perhaps to the parliamentary secretary to the minister. Will the minister undertake to speed up the shipment of grain through Vancouver harbour so the 39 ships at present tied up there may be loaded with grain for export?

**Hon. D. S. Harkness (Acting Minister of Trade and Commerce):** I will be very glad to look into that matter and give the hon. member an answer on Monday.

### UNITED NATIONS

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON CONFERENCE  
ON LAW OF THE SEA

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. John Drysdale (Burnaby-Richmond):** I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Can the minister advise the house whether the Canadian delegation to the second United Nations conference on the law of the sea has been named and, if so, who are its members?

**Hon. Howard C. Green (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to thank the hon. member for giving me notice of this question. On March 17 the second United Nations conference on the law of the sea will be convened in Geneva. Canada, together with over 80 member countries of the United Nations and its specialized agencies, will take part in this conference, which is regarded by the Canadian government as of the utmost importance to the peace of the world and the development of international law.

Hon. George Drew, Canadian High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, who headed the Canadian delegation to the first conference in Geneva in 1958, will once again assume the leadership of the Canadian delegation to the forthcoming conference. The delegation will also include three vice chairmen; Mr. M. H. Wershof, permanent representative to the European office of the United Nations; Mr. Marcel Cadieux, legal adviser and assistant under secretary of state, Department of External Affairs; and Mr. S. V.