

National Parks Act

interests in these areas, which are rapidly disappearing, I feel in most cases the national interest would be best served if the area were set aside for park purposes. If we are to preserve wilderness areas for future generations, we must move quickly. For example, choice areas in the Northwest Territories must be dedicated now to park purposes.

We must also negotiate additional areas with the various provinces. The natural historical needs of the Canadian people must be protected and secured by immediate action on this important measure of resource conservation. Today, Mr. Speaker, about 2.8 per cent of our total area is reserved as national and provincial parks. In my opinion this is not enough. Let us not be placed in the embarrassing position of having to buy back park resources which we should have had the good sense to preserve in the first place. All we have to do is look around in every province of Canada and we will find we have been sold natural park areas which should have been preserved. Today, we find that the recreational facilities which we need in the provinces have been sold to private interests. Both the federal and provincial governments are in the embarrassing position of being forced, on many occasions, to buy back choice pieces of land, possibly to give public access to some of the lakes for recreational purposes.

I have one or two other specific items with which I would like to deal. This is a good place to stop if Your Honour would like to call it five o'clock.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the House that the questions to be raised at the time of adjournment tonight are as follows: the hon. member for Hillsborough (Mr. Macquarrie)—trade—radio and television tube imports—threat to Canadian industry; the hon. member for Palliser (Mr. Schumacher)—veterans affairs—effect of closing of Veterans Land Act offices outside big cities; the hon. member for Winnipeg North (Mr. Orlikow)—unemployment insurance—commission advertisements respecting fraud.

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 Public Bills.

[Mr. Harding.]

Mr. Forest: At the request of the two hon. members who have presented the first two bills appearing on today's Order Paper, we are prepared to stand them and proceed with Bill C-29 in the name of the hon. member for Brant (Mr. Brown).

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is that agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

CANADA DAY ACT

MEASURE TO SUBSTITUTE "CANADA" FOR "DOMINION"

Mr. J. E. Brown (Brant) moved that Bill C-29, respecting Canada Day, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

He said: Mr. Speaker, Bill C-29 which I am moving today is a short, simple bill which has the effect of repealing the Dominion Day Act and substituting therefor the Canada Day Act. The bill merely substitutes the word "Canada" for the word "Dominion" as it appears in the present Dominion Day Act. The bill also provides that Canada Day shall be kept and observed as a legal holiday on the first Monday of the month of July in each and every year.

● (5:00 p.m.)

During the summer recess I was approached by a group of my constituents, members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Paris, Ontario, and asked whether I would support a bill of the nature I am introducing this afternoon if it were brought before Parliament. I immediately undertook to find out whether there was such a bill set down on the Order Paper at the commencement of the session. I found there was no such bill, so I have no hesitation in moving one myself and submitting it, as I am doing this afternoon, for the consideration of the House of Commons in the hope that if hon. members agree it will be referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

I feel that the bill keeps July 1 of each year in its present perspective, as it is looked upon by a large majority of the people of Canada who would like to feel we have a day called Canada Day, a day set aside each year at which time we could celebrate Canada's birthday, its creation, its formation. I believe