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2.00 o'clock p.m.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Laflamme, from the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, presented the Third Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:

Your Committee recommends that it be granted permission to sit in Toronto, Ontario, and that the necessary supporting staff do accompany the Committee.

Mr. Lessard (LaSalle), from the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications, presented the Second Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:

Pursuant to its Orders of Reference of Monday June 2, 1969, in the First Session of the 28th Parliament and of Monday, November 3, 1969, in the Second Session of the 28th Parliament, your Committee heard representations from Peter Rohl, the Ben Ginter Construction Company Limited, Krywa Bros. Construction Limited, Lucas Construction and Hatch Construction Limited, with respect to claims arising from their construction contracts for the building of the Great Slave Lake line of railway for the Canadian National Railways.

During these hearings, your Committee heard the five contractors and the officials of the Canadian National Railways.

During the hearings your Committee was confronted with conflicting evidence relating to the problems caused by unexpected weather, difficult terrain, and the use of Clauses 16 and 18 in the Canadian National Railways' construction contract. Considering this conflicting evidence and the technical problems relating to it your Committee recommends the following:

1. That the Minister of Transport establish a one-man enquiry to consider the merits of the claims submitted to this Committee by the Great Slave Lake