

*Routine Proceedings**[English]***BORROWING AUTHORITY ACT, 1990-91**

MEASURE TO ENACT

Hon. Jake Epp for (the Minister of Finance) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-65, an Act to provide borrowing authority.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): Is it the pleasure of the House that the hon. minister shall have leave to introduce the bill?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

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

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NATIONAL SYMBOL OF CANADA ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

Mrs. Barbara Sparrow (Calgary Southwest) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-289, an Act to provide for the recognition of the dress uniform of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police as the symbol of the sovereignty of Canada.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): Is it the pleasure of the House that the hon. member shall have leave to introduce the bill?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Mrs. Sparrow: Madam Speaker, I rise today today to introduce this Private Members' Bill and thank the hon. member for Simcoe Centre.

The RCMP represents part of the basic fabric, foundation and formation of Canada. This establishment, first known as the Northwest Mounted Police, was created in 1873, that is 117 years ago. It was created by Sir John A. Macdonald on strong recommendations from officials in the west and the northwest, and especially from Alexander Morse, the Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories from 1872 to 1877.

Some hon. members: Order.

Mrs. Sparrow: The most important thing was, and is today, the instant and compelling impressiveness of the uniform. One of the truest reasons why the mounted police force has been so spectacularly successful is the uniform.

Mr. Milliken: Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I am sure the Chair knows that the hon. member is permitted to give a short explanation of her bill, not a lengthy speech on the the history of the RCMP. I wish she would comply with the rules.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): I am sure the hon. member will describe what the bill is and not enter into debate at this time.

Mrs. Sparrow: Madam Speaker, I certainly do know the rules. As I said, the most important thing was and is the instant compelling recognition and the impressiveness of the RCMP uniform and what it represents to Canadians from coast to coast.

It is a national symbol and it is recognized universally. That is why the purpose of this bill is to make the dress uniform of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police a symbol of the sovereignty of Canada. I will be very pleased when this bill is drawn to explain further the full reasons for that.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. members: On division.

Some hon. members: Agreed.

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

Mr. Cooper: Madam Speaker, on a point of order, I must have missed motions. I am wondering if I can have the consent of the House to revert to motions so I can do the travel motion for some of the House's committees.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): Is that agreed?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

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COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

AUTHORIZATION OF COMMITTEES TO TRAVEL

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Government House Leader): Madam Speaker, there have been discussions among the three parties and I am sure you will find unanimous consent for the following motion:

That the Standing Committee on Human Rights and the Status of Disabled Persons be authorized to travel to Washington for the period from Monday, March 19 to Tuesday, March 20, 1990 inclusively, in order to meet with congressmen and staff from the relevant congressional committees concerning the Americans with Disabilities Act and that the necessary staff do accompany the committee; and

That the members of the Standing Committee on Agriculture be authorized to travel to Washington for the period of March 25 to