

Cultural Property

that this site was not worked in an adequate or proper way. All kinds of material were siphoned off in an illegal way as the result of the basic lack of any archaeological rules in respect of federal territory anywhere in Canada.

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The purpose of Bill C-329 basically is to provide for the establishment of an office of archaeological curator for Canada, who would be responsible for developing archaeological rules and regulations for all territory under federal jurisdiction; to protect known and to-be-discovered archaeological sites in Canada; and to establish rules and regulations governing exploration for and excavation, recovery and disposition of archaeological artifacts and historical items located on or under all lands, rivers, lakes and sea beds falling under federal jurisdiction.

This is an area, I would submit to the House, which is directly in line with what is covered by the bill now before the House. In fact, the other part of my bill does actually provide for the power of the curator to forbid the export from and import into Canada of items that are covered by this bill. My bill just happened to be given first reading two weeks ahead of the government bill.

My second bill provides for the establishment of the office of Parliament Hill curator, and that also was inspired by an incident here last year when I made an inquiry of officers of the House as to what was happening to the glass being taken out to be replaced by these beautiful coloured glass windows we now have around us.

The manner in which those leaded glass windows were taken out was a very simple one. A sledge hammer was put through the window and then pulled back, leaving not a single piece of those historic glass panes remaining. They were glass panes which, I am sure, every museum and many other historical organizations in Canada would have been anxious to obtain. Not one pane was saved.

I do not think many members of this House realize that there has never been a person on Parliament Hill with the responsibility for protecting the historical and architectural integrity of this place, the hill, its buildings or the furniture in them. There have been all manner of furniture used by historical Canadian figures, most of which has been sold, or removed and put into other government offices, or which just disappeared because no one has been responsible for it.

I would urge upon members that while we are discussing this bill proposed by the government we should also give consideration to the subject matter of my two bills. They may not be phrased in precisely the terminology the government would accept, but the subject matters are there, and the objects are good ones I think hon. members would accept.

All I would ask is that at some point, perhaps while Bill C-33 is being discussed in committee, or at the beginning of a private members' hour, we have consent in respect of the reference of the subject matters of these two bills to the committee that will be discussing and considering Bill C-33. If that could be done today, that would be fine. If it requires further discussion among House leaders, I would accept that. I would just like to make this appeal, as I feel the subject matters are so similar and the objects so worthwhile and I would hope members will give this their sympathetic consideration.

[Mr. Watson.]

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): Is it so agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Subject matters of Bills C-329 and C-356 referred to Standing Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): Is the House ready for the question on Bill C-33?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts.

Mr. Drury: Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Minister of Finance (Mr. Turner) I should like to propose that we now carry on with Bill C-26.

Mr. McKinley: Madam Speaker, I think we would be agreeable to that. We could pass that without debate, and also Bill C-3 at this time.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Just a minute. What is Bill C-3? Which bill do you propose to put, Madam Speaker?

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): I propose to put Bill C-26.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): I stood because I wondered what Bill C-3 was. I now see what it is, and I am glad that it is not included. We are prepared to let Bill C-26 pass without debate. We have spent the afternoon on a motherhood bill, so now we might as well pass this housekeeping bill.

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CIVIL SERVICE INSURANCE ACT

AMENDMENTS TO PROVISIONS RELATING TO CHILDREN AND UNMARRIED WOMEN

Hon. C. M. Drury (for the Minister of Finance) moved that Bill C-26, to amend the Civil Service Insurance Act, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): I rise on a point of order, Madam Speaker. I would suggest to the minister that because of what is now the business of the finance committee, which has scheduled extra sessions to the end of this month in order to deal with Bill C-2, which is of great importance to the House leaders, and because that committee will have the estimates of many departments before it following that bill, this bill would be better referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous