

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, January 23, 1979

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

[English]

## GOVERNOR GENERAL

PRINTING OF SPEECHES AT INSTALLATION OF EDWARD  
SCHREYER

**Mr. Speaker:** May I suggest that the speeches of His Excellency the Governor General and of the Right Hon. Prime Minister, given during yesterday's ceremonies, be appended to this day's *Hansard*.

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** It is so ordered.

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[Translation]

## VACANCY

DOLLARD—JEAN-PIERRE GOYER BY RESIGNATION

**Mr. Speaker:** I have the honour to inform the House that I have received a communication advising me of the following vacancy which has occurred in the representation, namely the hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer, C.P., member for the electoral district of Dollard, by resignation. Accordingly, I have addressed my warrant to the Chief Electoral Officer for the issue of a writ of election for the said electoral district.

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[English]

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LOCATION OF TV CAMERAS IN CHAMBER

**Mr. Speaker:** As part of the ongoing development of the television installations in the chamber, two camera positions, one on each side of the House, have now been changed to remote control operation. Members will notice the cameras are in different positions relative to the curtains and the sides of the House.

Perhaps hon. members will direct their attention to these installations over the next few days so that we can determine which of the two positions is better for the general conduct of business and decorum in the chamber. We hope, of course, to go on and in time to move the other two cameras into remote control from the mezzanine in accordance with the original plan.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### RAILWAYS

REQUEST RAIL LINE ABANDONMENT BE DEFERRED—MOTION  
UNDER S.O. 43

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, concerning the abandonment of various railway lines in the prairie provinces, an example of which is the unseemly and unjustifiable haste regarding the shutting down of the line from Shellbrook to Spiritwood.

I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Meadow Lake (Mr. Cadieu):

That this House request all abandonments to be held up until the first of September so that further consideration may be given to the argument of the residents in the areas who are so directly and unfairly affected.

**Mr. Speaker:** Pursuant to Standing Order 43, the unanimous consent of the House is required before a motion can be introduced for debate. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### TRANSPORT

GRAIN HANDLING—RECOMMENDATIONS OF HALL  
COMMISSION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon-Biggar):** Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43.

In light of the fact that the Minister of Transport has now embraced the report of the Prairie Rail Action Committee which repudiates the Hall commission report, and has endorsed the decision of the Canadian Wheat Board to purchase hopper cars at the expense of the western grain producers, I would move, seconded by my hon. friend from Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain (Mr. Hamilton):

That this House register its dismay and opposition to the policies of this government undermining the recommendations of the Hall Commission Report on Grain Handling and Transportation and the saddling of the western grain producer with the cost of grain transportation under questionable use of the Canadian Wheat Board Act.

**Mr. Speaker:** Such a motion can be presented for debate at this time only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?