

Proposed Legislation
ESTIMATES, 1965-66

A message from His Excellency the Governor General transmitting main and supplementary estimates for the financial year ending March 31, 1966, was presented by Hon. E. J. Benson (for the Minister of Finance) and read by Mr. Speaker to the House.

FAIR WAGES AND HOURS OF LABOUR ACT

AMENDMENTS RESPECTING HOURS OF WORK, RATES OF PAY, ETC.

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-2, to amend the Fair Wages and Hours of Labour Act.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Nicholson: Mr. Speaker, hon. members will recall that in answer to a question put to me a few days ago, whether amendments would be introduced to the Fair Wages and Hours of Labour Act during this session, I assured the house that the matter was under study and that a resolution or legislation would be laid before the house at an early date. This bill is to implement certain assurances given by my predecessor during the debate on the Labour Standards Code during the last parliament.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

BANK ACT AND QUEBEC SAVINGS BANKS ACT

EXTENSION OF CHARTERS TO DECEMBER 1, 1966

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-3, to amend the Bank Act and the Quebec Savings Banks Act.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Speaker: The Minister of Finance.

Mr. Sharp: I regret my slowness in rising, Mr. Speaker. This is Monday morning, and sometimes I forget my portfolio has been changed.

Mr. Starr: You are not the only one.

Mr. Sharp: However, I am learning. The purpose of this bill is very simple. It is to extend the charters of the existing banks, which would otherwise expire within the next few weeks. It is also the intention of the government to bring forward as soon as possible substantial amendments to the Bank Act, which will follow in due course.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

[Mr. Speaker.]

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

PROCEDURE RESPECTING INTRODUCTION OF PUBLIC BILLS ON ORDER PAPER

• (11:20 a.m.)

Mr. Speaker: As hon. members will have noticed, there are on today's order paper more than 100 public bills listed for introduction by private members. It would be exceedingly difficult if not impossible for the Chair to review the provisions of these bills at this time. May I suggest to the house, therefore, that we adopt the procedure which was agreed upon by the house last year and during each of the past four sessions, namely that we proceed to the introduction and first reading of these bills so that each may be scrutinized between now and the time appointed for second reading in order to determine whether there be any defect therein with respect to the practices and usages of the house.

Therefore, in order to save the time of the house, taking into consideration that perhaps more than two hours would be required to introduce each of these measures separately, it is suggested that by unanimous consent all the bills listed for introduction on today's order paper be deemed to have been introduced, given first reading, and ordered for second reading at the next sitting of the house, subject of course to a subsequent examination as to the regularity of each bill.

Is it agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Arnold Peters (Timiskaming): Mr. Speaker, may I ask that one of the bills appearing on page 6 standing in my name, namely "An act to govern, licence and regulate the operation of rainmaking equipment in Canada" be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: It will be removed from the list at this time.

Mr. Peters: No, Mr. Speaker, I would just like it to stand without being given first reading.

Mr. Speaker: Is that agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

PUBLIC BILLS
FIRST READINGS

Bill C-4, to provide for the control of consumer credit—Mr. Scott (Danforth).

Bill C-5, to amend the Canada Elections Act (limiting election expenses)—Mr. Brewin.

Bill C-6, to provide for the length of sessions of parliament—Mr. Ryan.