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## COMMONS DEBATES

# Privileges and Elections PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS

## AGREEMENT TO REFER TO STANDING COM-MITTEE PRIVATE MEMBERS BILLS DEALING WITH ELECTION MATTERS

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, hon. members will recall that earlier in the session certain private members bills which referred to the general subject matter of elections were not proceeded with, but that the subject matter thereof was referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections. It seems equitable that other private members' public bills in the names of hon. members that did not have the opportunity of such reference should also be referred to the committee. If the house is generally agreeable perhaps an order could be made in the following terms:

That, the order for second reading of Bills C-33, C-52, C-77, C-80, C-90, C-92, C-107, C-117, C-127, C-133, C-145 and C-181 be discharged and that the subject matter of the said bills be referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Speaker: Is it so ordered?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Later:]

# VETERANS AFFAIRS

SUGGESTION TO REFER TO STANDING COM-MITTEE REPORT ON WORK OF CANADIAN PENSION COMMISSION

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I could have the general consent of the house to revert to motions in order to make another consent order? I believe that subject to the approbation of the hon. member for Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe there would be general agreement to make government order No. 93 a consent order of the house.

Mr. Speaker: Is this agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker I welcome the government motion that the report of the committee to survey the organization and work of the Canadian Pension Commission be referred to the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs. It is our intention to dispense with debate. It is unfortunate that this was not done before, because a great deal of progress could have been made. We regret that the white paper is [Mr. Speaker.]

not ready. This is one of the reasons for the delay. However, it is likely that the white paper will be available by the time the committee is ready to deal with the report in September. I wish to assure the minister that the members of the committee from my party—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I am wondering under what standing order the hon. member is now addressing the house. There was no statement made by the minister. The hon. member cannot have the floor at this time unless he has the consent of the house.

### Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: If the hon. member has the consent of the house, I understand that other hon. members may want to take part in the debate which would be initiated by the hon. member's statement. I suggest to hon. members that perhaps we should go on with the business of the house.

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, on the point of order Your Honour has raised, I understand that the President of the Privy Council used the word approbation and approbation has this type of wide interpretation.

Mr. Speaker: Is this agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

**Mr. Speaker:** There are negative responses; therefore, the proposal of the President of the Privy Council is not acceptable.

## QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

PARLIAMENT HILL PARKING LOT

Question No. 1,651-Mr. Caouette:

1. At what stage are the plans for building a parking lot on or beside Parliament Hill, construction of which was scheduled for the winter of 1967-68?

2. Has there been any delay in this project and, if so, for what reasons?

### [Translation]

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works): 1. A study for estimating purposes has been made for a parking garage located