

*Holidays Act*

As Members of Parliament we have an obligation to make recommendations. I have recommended that we should establish a Canada fund. People should be able to have money deducted from their wages to be deposited in this Canada fund. This fund should pay 6 per cent, 7 per cent or 8 per cent of non-taxable interest. This money could be loaned to farmers, and small-business men. I can assure the Minister of Finance (Mr. MacEachen) that Canadians would rally around that fund. They would take their money out of their socks and their bank accounts if they knew that they were contributing to the well-being of Canada. This recommendation has not been accepted in its entirety, but it is the germ of an idea which we have an obligation to propose.

As Members of Parliament, we have an obligation to point out to the government and the treasury benches what can be done in our own particular ridings which could help the economy. If this involves asking for a better airport in Sarnia or Calgary, or getting a better port in St. John's, we have that obligation. If we do not perform our functions properly we are doing a disservice to our constituents. While our job entails several responsibilities, our greatest responsibility is not to fail the Canadian public at a time when it is crying for our leadership. The leadership is there. We are prepared to make the move. The civil servant is prepared to make the move. I ask my fellow Canadians not to let the civil servants down, and not to let the country down.

[Translation]

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please. It being four o'clock, the House will proceed to the consideration of private members' business, as listed on today's Order Paper, namely, public bills, notices of motions and private bills.

• (1600)

## PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

[English]

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Shall all orders preceding No. 1 stand by unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

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## HOLIDAYS ACT

### SUGGESTED REPLACEMENT OF DOMINION DAY BY CANADA DAY

**Mr. Hal Herbert (Vaudreuil)** moved that Bill C-201, to amend the Holidays Act, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Rose:** No.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Those in favour will please say yea.

**Some hon. Members:** Yea!

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Those opposed will please say nay.

**Mr. Rose:** Just this bill, or what?

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** In my opinion, the yeas have it.

**Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton):** What is going on?

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** I declare the—

**Mr. Smith:** I rise on a point of order. Perhaps we could seek the unanimous consent of the House to see if this matter could be dealt with in Committee of the Whole so that we could deal with all stages of this bill today, as it seems to be meeting with the approval of the House.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** I started to declare that the motion was carried. The hon. member's point of order is a little premature, the Chair will now entertain the Parliamentary Secretary to the Privy Council (Mr. Smith) on his point of order.

**Mr. Smith:** Mr. Speaker, perhaps we could see whether the House would be disposed to give unanimous consent to this bill being dealt with in Committee of the Whole today.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent that the bill be considered in Committee of the Whole?

Is the hon. member for Mission-Port Moody (Mr. Rose) rising?

**Mr. Rose:** I am not rising, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and the House went into committee thereon—Mr. Francis in the chair.

**The Chairman:** Order. House in Committee of the Whole on Bill C-201, an act to amend the Holidays Act.

Clause 1 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Is it agreed that we now proceed to another order of business?

**Mr. Smith:** Mr. Speaker, perhaps there might be unanimous consent that the clock now read five o'clock.

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

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**Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton):** As a member of the House, I would agree and I think it would be quite appropriate.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Rose:** Mr. Speaker, I, too, agree. I think this is a day on which to develop and to celebrate our new holiday. It is only appropriate that, in celebrating our new holiday called Canada Day we should at least take a holiday of 55 minutes this afternoon.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The hour provided for the consideration of private members' business has now expired. This House stands adjourned until Monday next at two o'clock in the afternoon, pursuant to Standing Order 2(1).

At 4.05 p.m. the House adjourned without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.

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