

*Introduction of Bills***THE CONSTITUTION**

## TABLING OF TEXT OF RESOLUTION

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Madam Speaker, under Standing Order 41(2), I would like to table in both official languages a proposed resolution for a joint Address to Her Majesty the Queen respecting the Constitution of Canada.

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**ENERGY**

## TABLING OF STATEMENTS MADE BY MINISTER OF STATE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Madam Speaker, on July 22, during the last days of the session, in reply to a question asked by the hon. member for Edmonton-West (Mr. Yurko) and following a point of order raised by the Leader of the Opposition, I had promised to table a document which was in my possession when I quoted from a statement made by the hon. Minister of State for Economic Development (Mr. Olson) on July 18. As the adjournment of the session prevented my doing so earlier, I now would like to table this document in both official languages.

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[English]

**NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD ACT**

## MEASURE TO AMEND

**Mr. Bob Wenman (Fraser Valley West)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-612, to amend the National Energy Board Act (provincial representation).

**Madam Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the House that the hon. member shall have leave to introduce the bill?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** Explain.

**Mr. Wenman:** Madam Speaker, this private member's bill is one of a series. What it calls for particularly is for provincial representation and appointment to federal boards which include the CRTC, the Canada Council, the National Transportation Commission, and so forth. I do not think these particular bills call for the removal of power from one level of government or a transfer to another level. Instead, they entrench the principle of partnership which has been inherent in the Canadian political system. If the government had understood this principle earlier, it could have long ago asked the provinces to appoint members to boards. Unfortunately, the federal side instead resorted to confrontation and unilateral action. In this atmosphere—although I hope otherwise—I suspect that the attention paid by the government to the upcoming constitutional debate will be only slightly greater than that paid to these kinds of private members' bills.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

**Madam Speaker:** When shall this bill be read the second time? At the next sitting of the House?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION ACT**

## MEASURE TO AMEND

**Mr. Bob Wenman (Fraser Valley West)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-613, to amend the National Transportation Act (provincial representation).

**Some hon. Members:** Explain.

**Mr. Wenman:** Again this is a similar bill calling for representation on other boards and calling for co-operation and compromise as opposed to confrontation. It is indeed regrettable that this has not been the policy and the procedure of the government to this point.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

**Madam Speaker:** When shall this bill be read the second time? At the next sitting of the House?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

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[English]

**THE CONSTITUTION**

## ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF COMMONS

On the order: Government Notices of Motions:

October 2, 1980—*The Minister of Justice:*

That a Special Joint Committee of the Senate and of the House of Commons be appointed to consider and report upon the document entitled "Proposed Resolution for a Joint Address to Her Majesty the Queen respecting the Constitution of Canada" published by the government on October 2, 1980, and to recommend in their report whether or not such an address, with such amendments as the committee considers necessary, should be presented by both Houses of Parliament to Her Majesty the Queen.

That 15 members of the House of Commons to be designated no later than three sitting days after the adoption of this motion by members on the part of this House of the Special Joint Committee;

That the committee have power to appoint from among its members such subcommittees as may be deemed advisable and necessary and to delegate to such subcommittees all or any of their powers except the power to report directly to the House;

That the committee have power to sit during sittings and adjournments of the House of Commons;

That the committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, and to examine witnesses and to print such papers and evidence from day to day as may be ordered by the committee;

That the committee submit their report no later than December 9, 1980;

That the quorum of the committee be 12 members, whenever a vote, resolution or other decision is taken, so long as both Houses are represented and that the joint chairmen be authorized to hold meetings, to receive evidence and authorize the printing thereof, when six members are present so long as both Houses are represented; and

That a message be sent to the Senate requesting that House to unite with this House for the above purpose, and to select, if the Senate deems it to be advisable, members to act on the proposed Special Joint Committee.

**Madam Speaker:** Pursuant to Standing Order 21(2), this notice of motion is transferred to and ordered for consideration under government orders later this day.

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[English]

**QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER**

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)