

Proposed Legislation
INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 152, REVISED STATUTES
OF 1952—VOLUNTARY REVOCABLE CHECK-OFF
OF UNION DUES

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 4, to amend the Industrial Relations and Disputes Investigation Act (voluntary revocable check-off).

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Knowles: The purpose of this bill is to write into the Industrial Relations and Disputes Investigation Act a provision which is already in several of the provincial labour codes, namely the voluntary revocable check-off of trade union dues. This bill is identical with the one that was before the house last session. At that time its subject matter was endorsed by the industrial relations committee and by the House of Commons.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

ELECTION MATERIAL

USE IN BY-ELECTIONS AND NORTHWEST
TERRITORIES ELECTIONS

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Secretary of State) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 5, respecting use of election material for by-elections and Northwest Territories elections.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Pickersgill: The explanatory note says that the purpose of this bill is to avoid the unnecessary expense of printing new election material by authorizing material already printed as required by the Canada Elections Act of 1938 to be used in any by-elections and Northwest Territories elections from now until the next general election. Legislation is required because of the coming into effect of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1952, on September 15 of this year.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

**NORTHERN AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL
RESOURCES**

PROVISION FOR CONSTITUTION OF DEPARTMENT,
DEFINITION OF DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS
OF MINISTER, ETC.

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 6, respecting the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources.

Mr. Knowles: Explain.

[Mr. Argue.]

Mr. St. Laurent: The explanatory notes read as follows: The purpose of this bill is to redefine the present duties and functions of the Minister of Resources and Development (Mr. Lesage) so as to give greater emphasis to his responsibility for the administration and development of the north and for Eskimo affairs. To reflect the change in emphasis, the name of the department is altered to include specific mention of northern affairs. The changes are in recognition of the growing importance of the north as a part of Canada and of the desirability of providing greater attention to all aspects of its affairs.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

CRIMINAL CODE

REVISION AND AMENDMENT OF EXISTING STATUTE

Hon. Stuart S. Garson (Minister of Justice) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 7, respecting the criminal law.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

TERRITORIAL LANDS ACT

ADMINISTRATION OF PLACER AND QUARTZ
MINING OPERATIONS

Hon. Jean Lesage (Minister of Resources and Development) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 8, to amend the Territorial Lands Act and to repeal the Yukon Quartz Mining Act and the Yukon Placer Mining Act.

Mr. Adamson: Will the minister explain the bill?

Mr. Lesage: A similar bill was on the order paper last session but it did not go through the house. The purpose of the bill is to amend the Territorial Lands Act in order that the administration, control and disposition of quartz and placer mining rights in the Yukon shall be brought under the provisions of the act with resulting uniformity between the Northwest Territories and Yukon Territory.

Mr. Adamson: It is exactly the same bill?

Mr. Lesage: Exactly the same bill.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

APPOINTMENT OF GEORGE A. TOUCHE AND
COMPANY AS AUDITORS

Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Minister of Transport) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 9, respecting the appointment of auditors for national railways.