

*Business of the House*

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, as you have said, to be consistent we should proceed with an amended ways and means motion. We will proceed in that manner before we reach clause 30 at the committee stage.

**Mr. Clark:** I have a further matter for clarification, sir. So that we can be sure of precisely what we are dealing with, could the Minister of Finance tell us whether the government is now actively considering or contemplating any significant other amendments in this bill at second reading stage, or whether it is now presently contemplating any amendments to this bill during the committee of the whole stage, particularly as they might relate to the sales tax provision which has caused so much consternation in his own caucus?

**Mr. Chrétien:** Mr. Speaker, the hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Clark) did not choose to ask a question on policy at all during question period. Of course, when we have amendments to a bill we will propose them in due course in the House of Commons.

**Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question arising out of your ruling. I do appreciate the nature of your ruling. However, there is a question in my mind that follows upon that. Until the amended ways and means motion comes in, it seems to me that the Chair having indicated that the ways and means motion is deficient, there is a breach of the rule with regard to this particular provision. So the government must immediately, before we proceed with further debate, take some action. Otherwise I submit to you the debate on that portion which you have ruled to be outside the rules is totally irrelevant.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. We are in a situation here where there is no appeal from the rulings of the Chair. I find it difficult to cast the hon. member's opening in any other light except that of a reconsideration of the judgment that I have already made. I recognized the hon. member for York-Simcoe (Mr. Stevens) who wanted some clarification of a portion of my ruling that I did not deal with directly. I recognized the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Clark) who wished to determine what the next step would be of the Minister of Finance (Mr. Chrétien) as a result of the ruling. I do not think I can entertain any hon. member now to say, with respect, the ruling that I have made is not in conformity with any hon. member's opinion. I have already indicated in very clear and explicit language on the basis of the precedent in Erskine-May that the bill can proceed while the amended resolution is being brought before the House. I cannot make that any clearer, and I do not think I should entertain any further discussion on that subject.

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**Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on another point of order. The government House leader and I have had some discussions in the House with respect to estimates and the period of time within which we might

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consider estimates extending beyond May 31. There were some consultations to be undertaken by my hon. friend. As a result of those consultations has a decision been made, and what is it? Could he also tell us whether we would be amending the standing orders for that purpose for the balance of this part of the session?

**Mr. MacEachen:** Mr. Speaker, I have had consultations but I have not yet completed them. I hope that by Wednesday of next week I will be in a position to indicate to my hon. friend just exactly what I propose to do. There is a case that has to be considered. I want to do that and consult further.

**ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

[Translation]

**QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER**

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 1,163, 1,183, 1,242, 1,284, 1,448, 1,509, 1,512, 1,532 and 1,594.

I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

[Text]

MR. P. ZOLLMANN

Question No. 1,163—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Was Mr. P. Zollmann employed by the Department of the Secretary of State and, if so (a) was his title Chief of Post Secondary Education Support Branch (b) on what date did his employment with the Department terminate and for what reason (c) what was his annual salary?

2. Did the Department or the Department of Supply and Services give a contract in the amount of \$40,000 to Federal Systems of Canada, 971 Richmond Road, Ottawa to provide consulting services and programme designing for the Canada Student Loans Programme and, if so (a) on what date (b) what is the name and job designation of all public employees involved in allotting the contract (c) what are the names of all persons with Federal Systems of Canada, dealt with by the government in arranging the contract?

3. Were tenders or alternate submissions received and (a) if so (i) from whom (ii) on what dates (b) if not, for what reason?

4. To the knowledge of the Department of the Secretary of State, is Mr. Zollmann associated with or employed by Federal Systems of Canada as Marketing Director and did he take such employment immediately upon leaving the Department?

**Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council):** I am informed by the Departments of the Secretary of State and Supply and Services as follows: 1. Mr. Zollmann was employed by the Department of the Secretary of State. (a) Yes. (b) On January 29, 1977—resignation. (c) \$25,000-\$30,000.

2. No. (a) and (b) Not applicable.

3. Not applicable.