

place. In fact the provinces have received final approvals. To what criteria is the Minister referring and when will these agreements be signed?

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister, President of the Privy Council and Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member has his facts wrong. He mentioned Alberta. I am going to be talking to the Minister of Agriculture in Alberta on Monday about the soil and water conservation program. There are still some outstanding details with respect to it. I hope that they will be cleared up soon.

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POINTS OF ORDERS

COMMENTS DURING QUESTION PERIOD

Hon. Jean J. Charest (Minister of State (Youth) and Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport)): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I would like to bring to your attention an exchange that occurred during Question Period between the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources and the Hon. Member for Humber—St. Barbe—Baie Verte. I think words were said that were not in keeping with the usual practice of this House, nor in keeping with the habits of the Hon. Member for Humber—St. Barbe—Baie Verte in this House. I think it would be appropriate, if he were offered the opportunity, for him to withdraw those comments.

Mr. Brian Tobin (Humber—St. Barbe—Baie Verte): Mr. Speaker, if this Minister were as quick off the mark a year ago, we would not have had the embarrassment of Seoul, as he is in trying to be quick off the mark for no purpose in the House. What the Member said, and I submit that the intervention is political and not serious, was “tell the truth” and what the Minister replied was “I am telling the truth”. I do not know what is the problem.

Mr. Charest: If the Member needs to have it spelled out to him because he cannot understand any further, his reply was “That’s not probable that he is telling the truth”. I understand that is the context—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Chair did not hear the words. Therefore if it is acceptable to Members, we will have a look at the “blues”. If something was said that was unacceptable, I am sure the Member from Humber—St. Barbe—Baie Verte will withdraw it. Perhaps we could leave it at that for now.

Statements by Ministers

On a point of order, the Hon. Member for Kamloops.

REQUEST FOR TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, during an exchange in Question Period the Minister of Finance referred on a number of occasions to a number of reports and studies that his Department has completed. I wonder if the Minister would do the time honoured and traditional thing and table those reports in the House so that all Members will have the opportunity to evaluate that information.

Hon. Michael Wilson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I would refer the Hon. Member to *The Goods and Services Tax* brochure dated April 27. A number of elements in it relate to the economic cost of the federal sales tax on page four and on subsequent pages, as well as on the competitiveness and growth impacts which are on pages 15 to 18. I would also remind the Hon. Member that there will be a technical paper which I will be making available hopefully later this month. In that paper there will be further information on the economic impacts.

Mr. Riis: Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the Minister of Finance sharing with us some of the comments in the *Budget Papers* which we have all read and studied. However, he made reference to a number of other documents, particularly economic impact studies that his Department had completed. They were the ones to which I was referring. I wonder if he would table them for all Members to see.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

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CANADIAN DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT CORPORATION

TABLING OF ANNUAL REPORT

Hon. John McDermid (Minister of State (Privatization and Regulatory Affairs)): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Section 150(1) of the Financial Administration Act and Standing Order 32(2) of the House of Commons, I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the 1988 annual report of the Canadian Development Investment Corporation.