Business of the House

(1110)

THE OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF NOVA SCOTIA ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

Mr. Pat Nowlan (Annapolis Valley—Hants) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-217, an Act respecting the official designation of "Nova Scotia".

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the said Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Nowlan: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this Bill is to use proper language for proper nouns, in both official languages.

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

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

ESTABLISHMENT OF STRIKING COMMITTEE

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, there have been the usual discussions and consultations with the House Leaders of the other Parties, having regard to the establishment of the Striking Committee under the provisions of Standing Order 93, for the appointment of Members to the Legislative Committees. As well, there have been discussions with respect to the reinstatement of the work of three special or subcommittees; the Special Committee on Child Care, the Subcommittee on the Handicapped and the Special Committee on Acid Rain.

I think you will find unanimous agreement for the following motion with respect to the establishment of the Striking Committee:

That, notwithstanding any Standing or Special Order of this House, the composition of the Striking Committee of the House of Commons be amended by substituting the names of Messrs. Murphy, Mazankowski and Mrs. Bourgault for Messrs. Deans, Hnatyshyn and McGrath, respectively.

Motion agreed to.

REINSTATEMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ACID RAIN

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Further to discussions with respect to the reinstatement of the Special Committee on Acid Rain, I think you will find that the following motion would be in order:

That a Special Committee of the House of Commons, consisting of Messrs. Blaikie, Caccia, Corbett, Darling, Desjardins, Ferland, and Gurbin, be appointed to act as a Special Committee on Acid Rain;

That the Committee be empowered to hold hearings to review all aspects of acid rain:

That the evidence adduced by the Special Committee on Acid Rain in the First Session of the present Parliament be deemed to have been referred to the Committee:

That the Committee have all the powers provided to Standing Committees pursuant to Standing Order 96(1) and that the provisions of Standing Order 98 and sections 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Standing Order 94 be suspended, unless otherwise agreed to by this Committee; and

That the Committee have the power to adjourn from place to place in Canada and the United States, and the power to retain staff, subject to budgetary approval by the Board of Internal Economy.

Motion agreed to.

REINSTATEMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CHILD CARE

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, with regard to the proposal to reinstate the Special Committee on Child Care, discussions have taken place and I think you will find that the following motion would receive unanimous consent:

That a Special Committee of the House of Commons, consisting of the following members, be appointed to act as a Parliamentary Task Force on Child Care: Belsher, Duguay, Martin (Lincoln), Mitchell, Nicholson (Niagara Falls), and Pépin; to report on the future of child care in Canada in the context of the changing needs of the Canadian family in today's society with particular reference to the following:

- (1) the requirements of children for care in parental or non-parental arrangements and the preferences of parents in this regard;
- (2) the role of the federal Government in child care in light of the shared responsibility for child care among parents, the private sector, the voluntary sector, and Governments; and
- (3) alternatives for future action by the federal Government:

the alternatives proposed should take into account factors such as:

- (A) the special circumstances of various families, including but not limited to such factors as marital status of parents, economic circumstances of families, and location, cultural background and disability of parent(s) or child; and
- (B) the financial implications for the Government of any initiatives which may be proposed including tax measures or other fiscal arrangements;

That the evidence adduced by the Special Committee on Child Care in the First Session of the present Parliament be deemed to have been referred to the Special Committee hereby appointed;

That the Special Committee, in carrying out its review, shall have all the powers given to Standing Committees by Standing Order 96(1);

That the portion of the budget of the Special Committee on Child Care not expended during the First Session of the present Parliament be deemed to constitute the entire budget of the Special Committee hereby appointed, unless a supplementary budget is approved by the Board of Internal Economy;

That the Special Committee be authorized to repay, from its budget, expenditures undertaken by the Committees and Private Legislation Branch between September 3, 1986, and October 22, 1986, in order to expedite the study of the Special Committee's mandate;

That, notwithstanding the usual practices of this House, if the House is not sitting when an interim or final report of the Special Committee is completed, the Special Committee shall report its findings by depositing its report with the Clerk of the House, which report shall thereupon be deemed to have been laid upon the Table; and

That the Special Committee shall report no later than Wednesday, November 26, 1986

Motion agreed to.