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FINANCE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS—PRESENTATION BY STANDING COMMITTEE OF REPORT ON TAX REFORM

Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of State and Minister of State (Treasury Board)): Mr. Speaker, the next motion deals with the proposed presentation of the report on tax reform from the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs. I move:

That, notwithstanding any Standing Order of this House, on Monday, November 16, 1987, at 12.30 o'clock p.m., the House shall revert to "Presenting Reports from Committees" for the sole purpose of enabling the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs to present the Committee's report on tax reform; and

That, immediately following the presentation of the said report, the House shall revert to the business which was interrupted.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker: Does the Hon. Minister of State and Minister of State (Treasury Board) (Mr. Lewis) have unanimous consent to move this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

[English]

STANDING ORDERS—AMENDMENTS TO S. O. 89(2) AND 96(3)

Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of State and Minister of State (Treasury Board)): Mr. Speaker, there have been discussions among the House Leaders at the request of the Subcommittee on the Disabled and the Handicapped, and the following motion takes into account those discussions and the request of the committee. I move:

That Standing Order 89(2) be amended by deleting paragraph "(e)" and by adding the following new paragraph:

"(y) Status of Disabled Persons;"

and that the paragraphs be relettered accordingly;

That Standing Order 96(3) be amended by adding the following new paragraph:

(g) Status of Disabled Persons shall include, among other matters, the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society."

and;

That all the business of the Subcommittee on the Disabled and the Handicapped be transferred to the Standing Committee on Status of Disabled Persons.

Mr. Speaker: Does the Hon. Minister of State (Mr. Lewis) have unanimous consent to move the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE—REQUEST THAT STANDING COMMITTEE BE AUTHORIZED TO TRAVEL TO THE YUKON AND THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, I realize time is getting short and presumably before the week is out we will be considering other orders permitting the Standing Committee on External Affairs and International Trade to travel and hear witnesses on the free trade proposal. I would simply like to suggest to the Minister that he use his good offices to ensure that as the committee determines places in which to hold hearings, consideration be given to travelling to the Yukon as well as the Northwest Territories.

Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of State and Minister of State (Treasury Board)): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to advise my hon. friend that as a result of what happened in the House yesterday, I took the initiative to mention to the committee Chairman that there was a feeling that the committee should include the Yukon in its travel plans. He advised me that they were being welcomed by witnesses in all provinces because of great acceptance of the free trade agreement and he thought he could fit the Yukon into those proceedings.

Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West): Mr. Speaker, I understand that members of that committee are meeting tonight to work out, if they can, some consensus on travel. I hope the committee will accept the position that our Party is taking that the committee travel to both the Yukon and Northwest Territories, but I think we should await the results of those discussions.

[Translation]

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REQUEST FOR BROADCASTING OF WINTER OLYMPICS ACROSS CANADA IN THE FRENCH LANGUAGE

Mr. Carlo Rossi (Bourassa): Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member for Ottawa—Vanier (Mr. Gauthier) has asked me to present this petition and I also want to present it on my own behalf.

The petitioners humbly sheweth that nearly one million francophones outside Quebec will not be able to watch the Calgary Winter Olympics in French on television; that the compromise suggested by the CRTC of offering the French television broadcast to cable distributors is unacceptable as not all francophones communities outside Quebec have cable television; and that French-speaking Canadians will pay their share of the \$200 million allocated by the Conservative Government for the organization of the Calgary Winter Olympics;