

Routine Proceedings

I understand there is consent for the second motion, on which there have been consultations. I move:

That the two researchers from the Library of Parliament assigned to the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Sonja Dackers and Len Christie, be authorized to travel to Winnipeg for the period May 5, 6 and 7, 1991 for the purpose of attending a workshop on sustainable agriculture on behalf of the committee.

Mr. Dingwall: Madam Speaker, with regard to that particular motion, I believe you would find unanimous consent on this side.

With regard to the remarks made earlier by the parliamentary secretary, there has been no consultation with myself, the chief opposition Whip, the industry trade critic or his office with regard to the motion which he was going to raise.

I just alert him to that because if it can be arranged before 2 p.m., we can have another look at it. We give consent to this particular motion.

Mr. Harvey (Edmonton East): Madam Speaker, on behalf of my gigantic caucus, I too would like to indicate our consent to the motion with regard to travel by the two researchers.

I note once again that this is an act of good faith on the part of the NDP caucus.

Madam Deputy Speaker: The House has heard the motion presented by the hon. parliamentary secretary. Is it agreed?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS

CONCURRENCE IN 26TH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Peter Milliken (Kingston and the Islands): Madam Speaker, I move:

That the 26th report of the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections presented to the House on Wednesday, March 20, 1991 be concurred in.

He said: Madam Speaker, I just want to summarize the report.

The Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections received a request from the hon. member for Perth—Wellington—Waterloo to amend the Standing Orders to permit joint sittings of standing committees so that two

or more committees could meet together, have a joint meeting, hear witnesses and prepare a transcript of the proceedings.

The purpose of the amendment to the Standing Order that the committee has recommended in the 26th report is to do exactly that. It simply adds the words necessary to effect the change requested by the hon. member for Perth—Wellington—Waterloo.

The committee is of the opinion that this will enhance the ability of committees of this House to function effectively.

I am moving this today in light of the fact that we are in the midst of changes to the Standing Orders. This could be printed with the reprinting that will take place as a result of the division last evening.

I note that the report was agreed to by all members representing all parties on the standing committee.

Mr. Harvey (Edmonton East): Madam Speaker, I just note that our caucus too is in full agreement with the motion of concurrence.

Mr. Cooper: Madam Speaker, the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections must truly be on a role.

It had the 21st report which was part of the reform package that was adopted unanimously last night. Because of our interest and encouragement of the committee system in this Parliament, we on the government side are happy to give our support and endorsement to this particular amendment. We urge the adoption of this amendment unanimously.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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PETITIONS

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Mr. Fred J. Mifflin (Bonavista—Trinity—Conception): Madam Speaker, I rise in accordance with Standing Order 36 to present a petition duly certified by the clerk. It is from from 65 of my constituents in the Deep Bight Southwest Arm area, which represents nine communities.