

that matter had not been terminated and I moved, quite properly so, that the House should now proceed to Orders of the Day.

Mr. Speaker: I appreciate the sincerity with which the Members puts his argument. Normally we end Question Period with my statement in regard to petitions that were introduced the day before. I rose simply to do that. There is not a proceeding before the House at that time until we get to some matter under Routine Procedures.

It has always been our custom to hear questions of privilege or points of order that Members may wish to raise arising out of Question Period before we do that. It is on that matter that I recognized the Hon. Member for York South-Weston (Mr. Nunziata).

The Hon. Member will know that normally other Members may have questions of privilege or points of order they wish to put at that time. Until we get to a matter, I cannot accept a motion, with respect.

I recognized the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain on a point of order, as is our custom, at that time. If he was not rising on a point of order, in fairness he should have informed me that I had improperly recognized him because I did specifically recognize him on a point of order. Therefore, since I gave the floor to the Member on a point of order, I cannot accept a motion as a result of the Chair recognizing him on a point of order.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

Mr. Speaker: Presenting Reports from Standing and Special Committees. Tabling of Documents. Statements by Ministers. Petitions. Introduction of Bills. The Hon. Member for Scarborough Centre (Mrs. Browes) on a point of order.

Mrs. Browes: Mr. Speaker, I have a petition that I wish to present.

Some Hon. Members: No.

Mr. Murphy: It's too late.

Mr. Speaker: Order.

Mr. Deans: We passed that.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Scarborough Centre seeks the unanimous consent of the House to revert to Petitions.

Mr. Murphy: Not today.

Some Hon. Members: No.

Excise Tax Act

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. There not being such consent, introduction of Bills will continue. Introduction of Bills.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following question will be answered today: No. 426.

[Text]

SIGNING OF PETITIONS BY ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL

Question No. 426—**Mr. Cassidy:**

Are there any regulations, legislation or administrative rules which prohibit or limit Canadian Armed Forces personnel in Canada from signing or sending petitions to Parliament and, if so (a) has the Government sought legal opinion as to whether such restrictions are constitutional under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms (b) are changes contemplated to such restrictions and, if so, what are they?

Mr. Robert Wenman (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence): Yes, Queen's Regulations and Orders for the Canadian Forces, Article 19.10 and Section 3 of Chapter 19 deal either generally or specifically with this matter.

(a) The regulations have been carefully considered in light of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedom.

(b) QR&O's and CFAO's are periodically reviewed in the light of changing government policy and legislation.

[English]

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

Mr. Speaker: The question enumerated by the Parliamentary Secretary has been answered. Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

EXCISE TAX ACT AND RELATED ACTS

MEASURE TO AMEND

The House resumed from Thursday, January 30, 1986, consideration of Bill C-80, An Act to amend the Excise Tax Act and the Excise Act and to amend other Acts in consequence thereof, as reported (with amendments) from a legislative committee; and Motion No. 19 (Mr. de Jong) p. 10322).