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To the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs

Veterans Affairs Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30

Hon. Walter Baker (Nepean-Carleton): Madam Speaker, my only question with respect to that and on the agreement is whether the minister can assure me that the precedent on the reference follows the precedents of other years and that there is nothing unusual about it because I have not seen a copy of the reference, if he can do that, I am quite prepared to agree.

Estimates

Mr. Pinard: Yes, Madam Speaker. I am told that it is the usual motion. I will make sure that within seconds or minutes my colleagues have a copy. I am sorry it is not ready. It was not distributed, but we thought we were to table the estimates much later.

Mr. Stevens: Madam Speaker, I wonder if the minister can clarify for me if the estimates have been tabled.

Mr. Knowles: Weren't you here?

Mr. Stevens: No, they have not.

Madam Speaker: The House has heard the suggestion of the President of the Privy Council. Is it agreed that this motion be accepted?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT OF THE TREASURY BOARD

Hon. Donald J. Johnston (President of the Treasury Board): Madam Speaker, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to be able to make a statement following the tabling of the estimates which has taken an undue length of time. I am sorry that members of the opposition, of the Tory party, have played the role of *des vierges offensées* because I elected to follow the procedure which is the only procedure followed in the past with respect to the lock-up. I will undertake to ensure that in future the luncheon invitation will be extended to a greater number of members or that some other procedure is adopted in order to avoid the incredible inconvenience foisted upon us by the game that has been played in the past few days.

I find it interesting that the same members who have shown such concern about not attending a press lock-up, declined to accept an invitation from me several weeks ago when I offered to review the new form of the estimates with members of the opposition. Curiously enough, the hon. member for Nepean-Carleton (Mr. Baker) did not show up for that meeting, the hon. member for St. John's West (Mr. Crosbie) did not show up for that meeting, the hon. member for Mississauga South (Mr. Blenkarn) did not show up for that meeting, the hon. member for Wellington-Dufferin-Simcoe (Mr. Beatty) did not come to the meeting and, needless to say, neither did the hon. member for York-Peel (Mr. Stevens) show up for that meeting.

Before I go to the substance of my comments, I would draw to the attention of the House that members opposite were aware last week that I was to table the estimates on February 25. I would point out that no one from either of the opposition parties requested a lock-up with respect to these estimates. The press lock-up has been a tradition. As you know, the press are subject to an embargo. I pointed out yesterday, and I point out again by way of introductory remarks, that the traditional procedures have been followed.