

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Robinson (Burnaby): Madam Speaker, I have a question for the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Pinard) concerning the business of the House, if I may have his attention for just a moment. It concerns an important piece of legislation, Bill C-43, the Freedom of Information Act. Would the government House leader give some indication of when this important piece of legislation will be brought before the House for second reading? He is aware of the fact that my party has indicated its desire to have the legislation expedited at second reading. We are prepared to co-operate as we did on the previous bill to see this legislation get into committee quickly for a full and comprehensive study. It is an important bill. Would the government House leader indicate when the freedom of information legislation will be brought forward for second reading?

Mr. Pinard: Madam Speaker, I welcome very much the offer of co-operation from the hon. member on this particular bill. I can assure him that at the first opportunity I will make sure that this bill is brought forward for discussion at second reading. The hon. member knows that during the coming days we must deal with the Bank Act before November 30. In order to cope with the parliamentary calendar for this month, I held a House leaders' meeting last night, and I will hold a meeting tonight. I indicated to the House leaders last night that it would be possible, if we have collaboration from both opposition parties, to be in a position to deal with the second reading stage of both the legislation on the access to information and on the Post Office. However, there will be further consultation and discussion with the House leaders. In so far as we are concerned, we are very keen to deal with this bill and to send it to committee. But it all depends on the co-operation we receive from the party of the hon. member and from the Conservative party.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL DEFENCE

Second report of Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence—Mr. Prud'homme.

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[English]

AGRICULTURE

Fourth report of Standing Committee on Agriculture—Mr. Bossy.

[Editor's Note: For text of above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

Estimates

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES (B), 1980-81

A message from His Excellency the Governor General transmitting Supplementary Estimates (B) for the financial year ending March 31, 1981, was presented by Hon. Donald J. Johnston (President of the Treasury Board) and read by Madam Speaker to the House.

Hon. Donald J. Johnston (President of the Treasury Board): Madam Speaker, by leave, I should like to table a copy of Supplementary Estimates (B) for the financial year ending March 31, 1981.

Hon. Yvon Pinard (President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, I wish to move the following motion pursuant to Standing Order 59:

That the Supplementary Estimates (B), 1980-81, tabled this day, be referred to the several standing committees of the House as follows:

Because the list is rather long, and there is detailed allocation of the estimates to the committees, if it is agreeable with the House, Madam Speaker, I ask that the list be printed in *Hansard* as if it had been read.

[Translation]

Madam Speaker: The House has heard the suggestion of the President of the Privy Council. Is that agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[English]

[Editor's Note: The list is as follows:]

To the Standing Committee on Agriculture:

Agriculture Votes 5b, 20b, 30b, 35b and 40b

To the Standing Committee on Communications and Culture:

Communications Votes 1b, 5b, 10b and 15b

Secretary of State Votes 1b, 15b, 20b, 30b, 40b, 45b, 50b and 55b

To the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence:

External Affairs Votes 1b, 10b, L13b, L14b, 21b, 25b and L35b

National Defence Votes 1b, 5b and 10b

To the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs:

Finance Votes 16b, L18b and 30b

Industry, Trade and Commerce Votes 10b, 25b, L30b, L46b, L47b, 56b and 65b

National Revenue Votes 1b and 5b

To the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Forestry:

Environment Votes 5b, 10b, 15b, 20b and 30b

Fisheries and Oceans Votes 1b and 5b

To the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs:

National Health and Welfare Votes 10b and 40b

To the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Indian Affairs and Northern Development Votes 5b, 15b, 20b, 30b and 45b

To the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs:

Justice Votes 1b, 5b and 10b

Solicitor General Votes 5b, 15b and 20b

To the Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration: