

Judges Act

Madam Speaker: The hon. member can only ask a question with unanimous consent as we are past the period for questions.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Madam Speaker: There is not unanimous consent.

Mr. Blais: On a point of order, Madam Speaker, I might indicate that the contract does not include all of the annexes that flow from A to K because of the immense volume. However, if the hon. member or any members of the House wish to obtain any of the annexes, they will be made available to them.

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[Translation]

PETITIONS

REQUEST FOR LEGAL ACCEPTANCE OF IMPERIAL SYSTEM OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Madam Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that the Clerk Assistant has laid upon the table the tenth report of the Clerk of Petitions stating that he has examined the petition presented by the hon. member for Moose Jaw (Mr. Neil) and finds that it meets the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

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JUDGES ACT

MEASURE TO INCREASE SALARIES OF JUDGES

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Justice) asked for leave to introduce Bill C-34, to amend the Judges Act and certain other acts in consequence thereof.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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[English]

TRADE

ESTABLISHMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY TASK FORCE ON PROPOSED NATIONAL TRADING CORPORATION

Hon. Yvon Pinard (President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, this morning I had consultations with my colleagues and I wish to move a motion with the unanimous consent of the House relating to the creation of a parliamentary task force on the proposed national trading corporation. The motion is rather long but I understand that my colleagues

have had an opportunity to look at it and that the unanimous consent for which I am asking exists. So, if there is agreement, I will move that motion right now.

Hon. Walter Baker (Nepean-Carleton): I have one question, Madam Speaker. In the draft I have, the words appearing in the first line read "a Special Committee of the House of Commons to be composed of seven members—" Does that appear in the motion the hon. gentleman intends to put?

Mr. Pinard: Yes, Madam Speaker. With regard to the parliamentary task force it is written here "a committee of the House of Commons".

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): Agreed.

Mr. Pinard moved:

That a Special Committee of the House of Commons, to be composed of seven members, be appointed to act as a parliamentary task force on a national trading corporation, to report finally no later than December 19, 1980, to examine ways in which a national trading corporation could improve Canada's export performance and to describe the functions that should be undertaken and the form that such a corporation should take and, more specifically, to consider:

(1) means of assisting small and medium-sized Canadian business to expand their export markets;

(2) what (if any) direct government participation and involvement is required, what kind, to what extent and for what period of time;

(3) the corporate structure and working relationship of any such trading corporation;

(4) the method of financing such a corporation;

(5) the role of the board's managerial and staff requirements of such a corporation;

(6) the over-all costs and benefits of creating a national trading corporation;

That the committee shall have all of the powers given to standing committees by section (8) of Standing Order 65;

That the committee have the power to retain the services of expert, professional, technical and clerical staff as may be deemed necessary;

That the committee, its subcommittees and members of the committee have the power, when the committee deems it necessary, to adjourn or travel from place to place inside and outside Canada and that, when deemed necessary, the required staff accompany the committee, subcommittee or members of the committee, as the case may be;

That the provisions of sections (4) and (9) of Standing Order 65 be suspended, unless otherwise agreed to by the committee, in application to the said committee;

That, notwithstanding the usual practices of this House, if the House is not sitting when an interim or final report of the committee is completed, the committee may make the said report public before it is laid before the House; and

That the members of the committee be Messrs. Cardiff, Deans, Flis, Lachance, Roy, Thomson and Tobin.

Motion agreed to.