Income Tax

Prime Minister, when he tables it, whether it will have the two errors that were in it originally, or have they been removed and are there any further errors in it?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Nielsen: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a brief point with respect to the comments of the Prime Minister and the document already being available to the commission that is now sitting. I believe the purpose of the rule requiring the tabling of documents, to which reference has been made, is to make them part of the record of the House. I make that submission in reply to the Prime Minister's urging that it is not necessary, since it is already public. It should be part of the record.

Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Speaker, it is important to note that the commission in the city of Montreal is operating under certain specific rules received from the legislature of Quebec. Documents in its possession may or may not be available to us. We do not know what the rules are. It is not necessarily in the public domain. We in this House are interested in having it in our domain, and that is done by tabling it.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have already undertaken to examine whether there is any conflict, in fact, in tabling a public document. If there is none, it will be done.

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I understand from what the Prime Minister said, and from a conversation he and I have had sotto voce across the floor, that he is quite willing to table the document. I take it that by shaking his head in the affirmative he is undertaking to table the document referred to.

Mr. Trudeau: I repeat what I said, Mr. Speaker. If you order me to table it, I will table it.

Mr. Chrétien: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, are you carrying on with the investigation of the House? We have not heard anything about it.

Mr. Speaker: I had intended to say something very briefly to the House at three o'clock—and that has now become a little after four o'clock—with regard to the two incidents brought to my attention by hon. members, one relating to the office of the hon. member for Central Nova and the other relating to the office of the Leader of the Opposition.

I indicated last week that with regard to the hon. member for Central Nova, I had advised him of the content of our preliminary investigation and asked his advice on whether the matter should go further. The hon. member for Central Nova has indicated to me that there is some information which he wishes to convey to me, and he wants to do that in response to my request tomorrow.

With regard to the office of the Leader of the Opposition, last Thursday it was understood that officials of Bell Canada and of our security staff would be able to meet with the advisers of the Leader of the Opposition. There were some meetings on Thursday evening, and others on Friday. A further meeting was arranged for today.

I hope to be able to advise the House further if there are any significant developments as a result of the meeting that is taking place today. I should advise the House it is our understanding that Bell Canada will be provided with this piece of equipment to examine in their laboratories. I am unable to tell the House at this moment how long it will take the Bell Canada people to give me a report on that examination. As soon as I know, I will communicate it to the House.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

MANAGEMENT AND MEMBERS' SERVICES

CONCURRENCE IN FIRST REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Robert C. Coates (Cumberland-Colchester North) presented the first report of the Standing Committee on Management and Members' Services, and moved that the report be concurred in.

Motion agreed to

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

[Translation]

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I ask that all questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Does the House agree?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

INCOME TAX ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

The House resumed, from Monday, November 7, consideration of the motion of Mr. Chrétien that Bill C-11, to amend the statute law relating to income tax and to provide other authority for the raising of funds, be read the second time and referred to committee of the whole.