

not in excess of \$1 upon second offence, and be fined not in excess of \$4 on third or subsequent offences.

These amendments will allow an outdated and therefore useless law to become effective.

Tobacco use in Canada is our greatest health problem and each year 35,000 Canadians die because of smoking. That is more than the combined deaths caused by drug abuse, AIDS, murder, suicide and motor vehicle traffic accidents.

These amendments will correct an otherwise ineffective and inappropriate law.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois):** Mr. Malone moves that the bill be now read the first time and printed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 69(1), the motion is deemed adopted.

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

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## SPECIAL DEBATE

### SITUATION IN SOMALIA

**Mr. Jim Edwards (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons):** Mr. Speaker, I think you will find there is unanimous consent for the following motion:

That notwithstanding any Standing Order of this House, on Monday, December 7, 1992 immediately after the supply proceedings have been disposed of and after the deferred vote on second reading of Bill C-98, this House shall continue to sit and proceed with a special debate;

That for the purpose of this special debate the question before the House shall be:

“That this House affirm its support for all relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions adopted with regard to the present situation in Somalia and for Canadian participation in the multinational effort to establish as soon as possible a secure environment for humanitarian relief operations in Somalia”;

That no member be permitted to speak more than once and that speeches be limited to a maximum of 20 minutes;

That under the provisions of this order, the Speaker shall not entertain any dilatory motions or quorum calls;

That when no further member rises to speak, but no later than three hours after the commencement of this special debate, all

## Routine Proceedings

questions necessary to dispose of the motion shall be put and if a recorded division is requested, it shall be deferred until Tuesday, December 8, 1992 at 3 p.m.

**Mr. David Dingwall (Cape Breton—East Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, there have been some discussions with opposition parties with regard to the substance of the motion.

We are prepared to offer our consent to the motion. I do want to make the caveat that during debate, there may be occasion when members on our side will utilize the provisions of the Standing Orders and speak for ten and five, if that is in accordance with our understanding.

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops):** Mr. Speaker, I want to indicate our support for having a special debate tonight. My only regret is that we did not have a debate before the action was announced by the government.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois):** Does the hon. parliamentary secretary have the unanimous consent of the House to move the motion?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois):** The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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## PETITIONS

### SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES RESEARCH COUNCIL

**Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface):** Mr. Speaker, in the petition I am presenting, the petitioners ask the government that the merger of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council with the Canada Council be halted until there is appropriate consultation.

They point out that Canada's major challenges today: the level of poverty, the level of unemployment, people being fed by food banks, people receiving social assistance, are really of the domain of the social sciences and humanities. They plead that to proceed as the government has indicated it wishes to is a step backward.