

*Business of the House*

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[English]

**Mr. Forrestall:** Mr. Speaker, I rise once again to ask for information with respect to Question No. 5,038 placed on the Order Paper on September 21 of this year, over two months ago. This question happens to be a starred question. The information in response to it is rather important in determining certain actions this House might take with respect to matters before it. I wonder if the Hon. Member for Mississauga North (Mr. Fisher) could be any more helpful than his colleague, the Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Evans). Perhaps he may be able to enlighten me as to when I will get an answer to this question.

**Mr. Fisher:** Mr. Speaker, I shall be quite happy to refer the matter to my colleague, the President of the Privy Council.

I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The questions enumerated by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance have been answered. Shall the remaining questions stand?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

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### MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

**Mr. Douglas Fisher (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, I ask that all notices of motions for the production of papers be allowed to stand.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Shall all notices of motions stand?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

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### BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

#### DISPOSITION OF BILL C-96

**Mr. Cullen:** Mr. Speaker, with respect to Orders of the Day, I have had discussions with the House Leader for the Opposition, the Hon. Member for Vegreville (Mr. Mazankowski), the

House Leader for the New Democratic Party and my own House Leader. I think that if we had a motion to put Bill C-96 on Business of the Day and to complete all stages today it would be found acceptable to the House.

**Mr. Nielsen:** Mr. Speaker, those discussions have indeed been held. I still need to have an opportunity to finalize my consultations. We are having a House Leaders' meeting tomorrow morning. It will be raised there.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** There does not appear to be unanimous consent to proceed.

### PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

[English]

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Shall all orders listed under Private Members' Public Bills preceding Order No. 50 be allowed to stand by unanimous consent?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

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### DIVORCE ACT

#### AMENDMENT RESPECTING ALIMONY AND MAINTENANCE ORDERS

The House resumed from Tuesday, February 10, 1981, consideration of the motion of Mr. Huntington that Bill C-250, to amend the Divorce Act (alimony and maintenance orders) be read the second time and be referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

**Mr. Lorne Greenaway (Cariboo-Chilcotin):** Mr. Speaker, allow me to read the first sentence of the explanatory notes that accompany this Bill just to inform Members of what is contained here in substance. I quote:

The purpose of this Bill is to propose a scheme . . . whereby maintenance and other money orders made pursuant to the Divorce Act could be enforced by the courts making the orders.

The initiative before us today is not a stranger to this House, the subject having first been discussed here in 1972. The Hon. Barney Danson, before he became a Minister of the Crown, placed this Bill, then Bill C-377, on the Order Paper in the Twenty-ninth Parliament. In the second session of the Thirtieth Parliament, the principle was carried forth by the Hon. Member for Capilano (Mr. Huntington) in Bill C-203, later in the third session as Bill C-302 and then yet another time in the fourth session as Bill C-350.

I had the honour of carrying on the battle on behalf of the Hon. Member for Capilano in the Thirty-first Parliament when the Hon. Member was a Cabinet Minister. I prepared for the debate on the Bill, but I was requested to allow the Bill to remain in the draw because the then Minister of Justice