

Petitions

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion as amended?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

FINANCE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS—AUTHORIZATION TO TRAVEL

Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of State and Minister of State (Treasury Board)): Mr. Speaker, there have been discussions between the Parties and I think you will find the House is prepared to accept the following motion without debate:

That the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs be empowered to travel to Auckland and Wellington, New Zealand, from February 7 to February 16, 1988, in relation to its study of the White Paper on Tax Reform and other related documents, (Stage II), and that the necessary staff do accompany the committee.

Mr. Speaker: Does the Hon. Minister of State (Mr. Lewis) have the unanimous consent of the House to move the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Caccia: No.

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed?

Mr. Caccia: No.

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: It is agreed. 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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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Lewis: Mr. Speaker, there is another motion on the Order Paper under Motions with respect to adjournment. I am going to encompass a couple of things in my remarks and suggest that this motion should be brought forward following the completion of the remarks of the Hon. Leader of the NDP (Mr. Broadbent).

At this point I would like to suggest to the House that when Orders of the Day are called, the Right Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition (Mr. Turner) should take the floor and be given the necessary time to complete his remarks. Following that I suggest that the Chair recognize the Hon. Leader of the NDP. I think you will find unanimous consent that, in the

event the Hon. Leader needs more time than specified in the Standing Orders, the House give its consent not to see the clock and to allow him to complete his remarks.

Mr. Broadbent: The Christmas spirit.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the generous and, I might also say, traditional suggestion by the Minister of State (Mr. Lewis). I hope the House will express unanimous accord with that.

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: There is agreement. However, the Hon. Member for Ottawa—Vanier (Mr. Gauthier) rises.

Mr. Gauthier: Just a small detail but an important one, Mr. Speaker. There is in the Order Paper under Private Members' Business a Bill, C-238, standing in the name of the Hon. Member for Hastings—Frontenac—Lennox and Addington (Mr. Vankoughnet). I just wondered if the Government intends to proceed with that Bill at the appropriate time following the speeches of the Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Turner) and the Leader of the NDP (Mr. Broadbent).

Mr. Lewis: Mr. Speaker, I suggest that the sequence should be: Speech, speech, motion, and then, as you are aware, the Government tries not to interfere with Private Members' Business, and if the House wishes to go ahead with it at that time and the Private Member wishes to go ahead, the Government would take no position on it and we would certainly agree to that hour going forward.

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PETITION

PROHIBITION FROM CARRYING OF KNIVES

Ms. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour on behalf of a great number of my constituents and other Canadians across the country to present a petition concerned with the question of murder and injury resulting from the carrying of knives. The petitioners state that inasmuch as the incidence of crimes committed with knives is on the increase in all major cities across Canada, the federal Criminal Code allows citizens to carry knives for self-defence, and this is largely responsible for their being used in a variety of crimes, they call upon Parliament to amend the federal Criminal Code to prohibit the carrying of knives in public places. The only exception would be for those who use a knife for legitimate work or for religious reasons.