

suggestion that the Prime Minister ever said that the boycott would not be successful. He said, in effect, that a boycott taken in a vacuum, as the other party was proposing, would not succeed. What we spent this time doing is organizing an effective boycott.

● (1800)

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Madam Speaker, the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau), as has recently been stated by the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. MacGuigan), did not make much of the fact that he delayed taking action to boycott the Olympics in order to convince other countries that this was the right course. I should like to put two brief questions to the minister. First, how many countries did Canada convince to join the boycott and, second, what initiatives did the minister or the Prime Minister take in order to bring about this change of opinion in whatever the number of countries is that they were able to convince? Would the minister table this information so that the House will know precisely what he did, or is he just bluffing once again?

An hon. Member: Grandstanding.

Mr. MacGuigan: Madam Speaker, I am certainly prepared to summarize for the hon. member the steps that we took.

The Prime Minister wrote to some 14 government leaders. The Department of External Affairs, through its good offices across the world and through our ambassadors, actively contacted the governments in all countries in which we are represented. In addition to that I had the opportunity—

Mr. Nielsen: The question!

Mr. MacGuigan:—in my travels in the last month to discuss this with quite a number of western and Third World leaders—

An hon. Member: How many did you convince?

Mr. MacGuigan:—including the Mexican foreign minister, the French foreign minister, the British and German foreign ministers and, in some cases, the opposition critics as well.

An hon. Member: How many did you convince?

Mr. MacGuigan: The hon. member asks how many people we convinced. Let us assume we convinced them all—all those who are going to announce. We reached a meeting of minds with many of the countries with whom we discussed the issue. We naturally like to think it was our influence that made the difference. I think we have good grounds for thinking that the role we played in this was a very fruitful one indeed.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Supplementary Estimates

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

SESSIONAL BALLOTING FOR ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

Madam Speaker: Order, please. With the permission of the House I should like to convey the following information.

On Monday, April 14, I wrote to all party whips and suggested that the sessional balloting for precedence on the notice paper for private members' motions and public bills be held Tuesday, April 22.

On April 16, I received requests from the whips asking that the date of the balloting be delayed one week. I agreed to the suggestion.

Thus, the sessional balloting for precedence on the order paper of private members' public bills and motions would be conducted by the Deputy Speaker on Tuesday, April 29, at 3.30 p.m. and those bills and motions submitted before 6 p.m. on Monday, April 28, would be included.

The bills and motions would then go on the notice paper on Wednesday, April 30, and the bills could be given first reading with the usual caveat on Friday, May 2. The first private members' hour would then be held on Friday, May 2.

Is this suggestion agreeable to hon. members?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Madam Speaker: Agreed and so ordered.

With the indulgence of the House I shall now proceed to the other items so that we may arrive at orders of the day for eight o'clock tonight.

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SUPPLY

MOTION FOR REFERENCE OF SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES (A)

Hon. Yvon Pinard (President of the Privy Council) moved:

That the Supplementary Estimates (A), 1980-1981, tabled this day, be referred to the several standing committees of the House as follows:

To the Standing Committee on Agriculture:

Agriculture Votes 25a and 35a

To the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence:

External Affairs Votes L11a, L12a and L51a

To the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Indian Affairs and Northern Development Vote 5a

To the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs:

Industry, Trade and Commerce Votes 1a and 6a

To the Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration:

Employment and Immigration Vote L27a

To the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates:

Secretary of State Vote 115a

To the Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works:

Energy, Mines and Resources Votes 10a, L42a and L107a

To the Standing Committee on Transport:

Transport Votes 37a, L66a and 90a

To the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs:

Veterans Affairs Vote 1a