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- (b) During the sitting of October 4, not later than six o'clock p.m., the said committee shall report or shall deemed to have reported the Main Estimates for the said department or agency; and
- (c) if the committee shall make a report, the chairman or a member of the committee acting for the chairman may so indicate, on a point of order, prior to the hour indicated in paragraph (b), and the House shall immediately revert to "Presenting Reports to Committees" for the purpose of receiving the said report;
- (E) On Thursday, October 5, 1989, the House shall consider any opposition motion and any motion or motions to concur in the Main Estimates, notice of which shall have been given provided that, unless previously disposed, of at no later than 5.45 o'clock p.m., the Speaker shall interrupt any proceedings then before the House and shall first put forthwith and successively, without further debate or amendment every question necessary to dispose of any business relating to the Main Estimates for the current fiscal year or for any supplementary Estimates, the restorational reinstatement of any item in the Main or Supplementary Estimates or any opposed item in the Main or Supplementary Estimates and, notwithstanding Standing Order 71, for the passage at all stages of any Bill or Bills based on the Main or Supplementary Estimates, following which the Speaker shall adjourn the House. brev

Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West): Mr. Speaker, this motion reflects the result of extensive discussions among the House Leaders. The purpose of it is to give to the Members of the House the time to which they would ordinarily be entitled to consider the Main Estimates and of which they would be deprived because of the date on which the House has been called back. It also restores to Members the full number of opposition days and gets us back in the customary cycle of consideration of Supply and Estimates that would otherwise have been pushed aside because of the recall of the House at this point in time. Because of the purposes of this motion we of the Official Opposition are ready to give our agreement to it.

• (1130)

Mr. Speaker: I thank the Hon. Member for Windsor West.

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, I want to concur with what the House Leader for the Official Opposition has said. We have had extensive negotiations.

I want to say that these discussions were necessary because of a number of legitimate timetabling problems which the Government was facing. There was a sense of negotiation where the Government said that if we would agree to some changes, the Government would be prepared to provide some opportunities that may not have existed for both opposition parties in providing us with a number of opposition days.

In the spirit of co-operation I hope this is an indication of things to come, quite different from the last time we were all together.

We also concur with the special order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Does the Hon. Minister have the consent of the House to move the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

[Translation]

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OPPOSITION TO TAXATION OF MUSIC LESSONS

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Mr. Speaker, I have the pleasure to present four petitions from residents in my riding and the National Capital Region.

[English]

It deals with the proposed sales tax. The petitioners would like to ask the House to humbly consider their point of view that a sales tax on music lessons will hurt the average family for whom music education will become too costly. With sales tax on music lessons, Canadian children will suffer, talent will go undeveloped and the future of Canadian music both nationally and internationally will be jeopardized. Music educators are active participants in education in every province in Canada. Their knowledge and expertise provide students with the qualifications enabling them to enter our universities in faculties of music.

Wherefore, the undersigned, your petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to consider music studies as an educational process and therefore exempt from the proposed sales tax.

[Translation]

REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF FAMILY ALLOWANCE AT BEGINNING OF SEPTEMBER

Mr. Guy St-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, it is an honour for me to table in this House a petition signed by residents of Canada and Abitibi who ask the federal Government to pay family allowances at the beginning of September every year in time for the reopening of schools in Canada. This is to help families that have one or more children in school.