

## WAYS AND MEANS

## TABLING OF NOTICE OF MOTION

**Hon. John McDermid (Minister of State (Finance and Privatization)):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), I wish to table two notices of Ways and Means motions respecting amendments to the Excise Tax Act, the Excise Act, the Customs Act and amendments to the Customs Tariff. I ask that an Order of the Day be designated for consideration of the motions.

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## POINTS OF ORDER

## ANSWER DURING QUESTION PERIOD

**Hon. Gilles Loiselle (President of the Treasury Board and Minister of State (Finance)):** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I want to indicate to the House that I consult, on a very regular basis, my colleague, the minister responsible for the status of women.

## OPPOSITION DAY MOTION

**Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Before Orders of the Day are called, I wish to indicate that the government will not consider the vote that will be held later this day as a question of confidence in the government.

The government has reviewed the motion which has been placed on notice by the New Democratic Party as the subject for today's Opposition Day debate and feel that members must be able to debate this most important issue on the basis of its merits without being constrained by the question of it being a confidence motion.

**Mr. Dingwall:** Mr. Speaker, on behalf of members on this side, I want to congratulate the government House leader for this spirit of reform with regard to this particular measure. We look forward to the healthy debate which will follow Routine Proceedings today.

**Mr. Riis:** Mr. Speaker, I too want to say that we appreciate the decision by the government House leader. Obviously he listened to some very compelling argu-

*Points of Order*

ments concerning the need to have a free vote on this critical issue.

I think that if the vote is to go in the affirmative it will certainly send a very clear signal as to how the representatives of the people of Canada feel on this critical issue.

**Mr. Speaker:** I should advise hon. members I have a point of order from the hon. member for Timmins—Chapleau and then I have a short ruling to make.

## ANSWER DURING QUESTION PERIOD

**Mr. Cid Samson (Timmins—Chapleau):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order, and please direct me if I am rising under the wrong order.

Today in response to a question, the Minister of State for Employment and Immigration said, regarding the reductions being made to training programs, that the government had spent millions of dollars in 1991 and continues to spend millions of dollars for training again in 1992.

I wish to offer an opportunity to the Minister of State to rise and correct that statement. As we all know, under Bill C-21 the government has withdrawn all funding to training—

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member very kindly asked me if I might give him some guidance. The hon. member is not content with an answer that was given. There may be good reason for that, or otherwise. However, the hon. member really is getting into debate.

It is a question of disagreement about what the facts are. That sounds like debate. If the hon. member can persuade me that it is not debate, I might out of great generosity change my mind.

I will hear him further.

**Mr. Samson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If it is debate I apologize. Very simply put, the government does not pay into the UI fund. The UI fund pays for all training that takes place today. How can the minister say that the government is paying for this training? It is not true.

**Some hon. members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member certainly has some support in the Chamber for his proposition, and there is some editorial comment as well.