

Miss Hillier's claim for loss of personal property has been settled.

COMMUNICATIONS

PURCHASE OF TELESAT CANADA—REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

(Response to question raised by the Honourable Gildas L. Molgat on March 4, 1993)

This matter refers to an advance tax ruling. The department conducts many tax rulings each year when specific requests are made.

Section 241 of the Income Tax Act, the privacy provisions, precludes the Minister of Revenue from commenting on the specifics of any taxpayer or group. To do so would be a breach of taxpayer confidentiality. However, it should be noted that all advance tax rulings are conducted carefully to ensure compliance with the Income Tax Act.

ANSWERS TO ORDER PAPER QUESTIONS Tabled

NEWFOUNDLAND—RECONSTRUCTION OF THE WHARF IN ROCKY HARBOUR

Hon. John Lynch-Staunton (Deputy Leader of the Government) tabled the answer to Question No. 79 on the Order Paper — by Senator Marshall.

THE GENESIS MEDIA COMPANY

Hon. John Lynch-Staunton (Deputy Leader of the Government) tabled the answer to Question No. 80 on the Order Paper — by Senator Stollery.

CANADA-JAPAN 2000—COMPOSITION OF STUDY GROUP

Hon. John Lynch-Staunton (Deputy Leader of the Government) tabled the answer to Question No. 83 on the Order Paper — by Senator Marshall.

THE ECONOMY

DECLINE IN BANK RATE

Hon. Lowell Murray (Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, this is a kind of delayed answer. It is to a question that was not asked by Senator Olson today concerning the bank rate. I wanted him to know that it was set at noon today at 5.46 per cent, 10 points down. This is the sixteenth weekly decline in the past 17 weeks.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

SMALL BUSINESSES LOANS ACT

BILL TO AMEND—THIRD READING

Hon. John Lynch-Staunton (Deputy Leader of the Government) moved the third reading of Bill C-99, to amend the Small Businesses Loans Act and another Act in consequence thereof.

Motion agreed to and bill read third time and passed.

CRIMINAL CODE

BILL TO AMEND—THIRD READING

Hon. John Lynch-Staunton (Deputy Leader of the Government), moved the third reading of Bill C-69, to amend the Criminal Code (air and maritime safety).

Motion agreed to and bill read third time and passed.

[Translation]

DIVORCE ACT FAMILY ORDERS AND AGREEMENTS ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE ACT

BILL TO AMEND—THIRD READING

Hon. Thérèse Lavoie-Roux moved the third reading of Bill C-79, to amend the Divorce Act and the Family Orders and Agreements Enforcement Assistance Act.

Motion agreed to and bill read third time and passed.

[English]

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SOMALIA

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF OPERATIONS—INQUIRY— DEBATE CONTINUED

On the Order:

Resuming the debate on the inquiry of the Honourable Senator Murray, P.C. calling the attention of the Senate to the Canadian participation in the multinational effort to establish, as soon as possible, a secure environment for humanitarian relief operations in Somalia.

Hon. John B. Stewart: Honourable senators, earlier in this session I asked Senator Murray if he would say something to the Senate on behalf of the government about the situation in Somalia, particularly about the intention of the Canadian government with regard to participation in the multinational effort to establish a secure environment there. Senator Murray was good enough to make a statement in December 1992.