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side of the House they do not get together on very many things. They should be known as the "Variety club".

I did, as committed, give my answer the next day, being well aware that there are very good reasons for members not being present in the House all the time. I would have hoped that the hon. member would have extended the same courtesy in replying that I have extended and that I think all hon. members should extend.

I still fail to see where there is conflict. I stand by the answer I gave on February 15, at page 3258 of *Hansard*. I know the hon. member has difficulty understanding these things and adding up dates, and has taken a long time to get around to doing this. If there is anything wrong, there was no intent to be misleading. I do not think it was misleading. I think my answer was accurate and speaks for itself. I think my answer of February 15 should be quite clear. If it is not, I would be very happy to clarify it. We could get our staffs together and arrange a date when we are both in the House so that there would be absolutely no question in the hon. member's mind.

Mr. Speaker: As is so frequently the case, the minister has at least put a procedural point to rest for the moment by saying that if there has been any misleading in respect of these two answers—that is the contention of the hon. member for Victoria (Mr. McKinnon), and I do not make a judgment on that—which he says are not in conflict with one another, it was not intentional on his part. I have to accept that. It is a long-standing tradition of this House that it has always accepted the word given by any member of the House and that, if there has been a misleading of the House, such misleading is argued or is in dispute; but regardless of the dispute, that if such a misleading has taken place, it has not been intentional and that takes it out of the area of privilege. Therefore, I think it closes the matter from the point of view of the Chair.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

First report of Standing Committee on Public Accounts—
Mr. Huntington.

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LOTO CANADA

TABLING OF PRESIDENT'S REPORT INTO LOTO SELECT PROJECT

Hon. Iona Campagnolo (Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport)): Mr. Speaker, I wish to table under Standing Order 41(2) in both official languages the report of the president of Loto Canada into the Loto Select project.

[Mr. Danson.]

REGULATIONS AND OTHER STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

CONCURRENCE IN FIFTH REPORT OF STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River) moved that the fifth report of the Standing Joint Committee on Regulations and Other Statutory Instruments, presented to the House on February 16, 1979, be concurred in.

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, as requested yesterday by the hon. member, we will agree to this motion without debate.

Motion agreed to.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Walter Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that there was a document released today involving the economic life of this country and that nine economic ministers plus the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) chose not to be here, and the government chose to issue that document on a date when they would not be here, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Pembina (Mr. Elzinga):

That this House do now adjourn.

Some hon. Members: Shame!

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: Those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Speaker: Those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Speaker: In my opinion, the yeas have it.

And more than five members having risen:

Mr. Speaker: Call in the members.

The House divided on the motion (Mr. Baker, Grenville-Carleton), which was negatived on the following division: