

Petroleum Corporations Monitoring Act

continuation of passes and the appropriate financial responsibility for them is a matter to be discussed between VIA Rail, on the one hand, and the two railways on the other. It has seemed to be logical that the passenger service, as such, ought not to bear the cost of passes for those engaged in non-passenger service on the railways. That is an internal matter and a matter of arrangement between the railways and VIA Rail. At this point, I think there should be no reason for anyone to worry about the passes changing in their nature.

Mr. Blackburn: When VIA Rail becomes operational, will it also provide a pass service for employees on an ongoing basis?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, perhaps I should not try to pre-judge that, since it will be the kind of question dealt with by management. I think the normal thing would be to begin with many of the same arrangements that are now well known. To the great satisfaction of the unions involved in the changeover from CN and CP to VIA Rail, we have introduced and developed certain regulations to make sure that the changeover is as smooth as possible. Obviously, this will be a matter of significant concern and discussion. Perhaps I should not go further than that in my comments today.

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[Translation]

WAYS AND MEANS

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, under Standing Order 60 (11) the adoption yesterday of two notices of ways and means was an order to bring in a bill based on those two notices. That bill is now ready and in the hands of the officers of the House. I would now like to move first reading of that bill.

INCOME TAX ACT

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Finance) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-11, to amend the statute law relating to income tax and to provide other authority for the raising of funds.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: When shall this bill be read the second time? At the next sitting of the House?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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[English]

PETROLEUM CORPORATIONS MONITORING ACT

MEASURE TO PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF CERTAIN
STATISTICS RELATING TO PETROLEUM INDUSTRY

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-12, to require

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the reporting of certain financial and other statistics relating to the affairs of certain petroleum companies carrying on business in Canada.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Cafik: Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding, as a result of discussion with opposition House leaders, that there would be unanimous agreement to vary the House orders to achieve an objective which seems to be commonly desired, namely, that the Minister of Veterans Affairs would be allowed to make a statement on the day preceding Armistice Day, prior to question period, and to extend the other proceedings in order to make up any lost time.

I would, therefore, propose a House order that, notwithstanding any Standing Order, the Minister of Veterans Affairs may make a statement, and spokesmen for parties in opposition may comment thereon, immediately the House is called to order on November 10, 1977, provided that Mr. Speaker shall allow the usual amount of time for routine proceedings and oral questions before the House proceeds to orders of the day.

Mr. Paproski: That is agreed, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Agreed.

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Mr. Allard: Agreed, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it agreed, and so ordered, that the proposal of the hon. Minister of State—

Some hon. Members: Dispense.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Agreed, and so ordered.

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[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I ask that all questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Shall the questions be allowed to stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.