

Motions

That a subcommittee of the Standing Committee on Communications and Culture be appointed to examine annual reports of the Minister responsible for the Status of Disabled Persons and report and make recommendations to the House on any such reports and on questions referred to it by the House;

That five Members of the House of Commons, to be designated at a later date, be members of the subcommittee;

That the subcommittee have the power to retain the services of expert, professional, technical and clerical staff as may be deemed necessary;

That the subcommittee have the power to adjourn from place to place inside Canada provided that the locations to be visited and the estimated expenses for such travel are determined in advance and submitted to the Commissioners of Internal Economy for approval;

That the subcommittee report directly to the House on the reports of the Minister responsible for the Status of Disabled Persons and on questions referred to it by the House;

That the subcommittee have all of the powers of a standing committee of the House, pursuant to Standing Order 69(8); and

That changes in membership on the part of the House of commons be made only pursuant to Standing Order 69(4)(b).

Mr. Speaker: Is the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans) rising to speak on the same matter?

Mr. Deans: Mr. Speaker, there is agreement. I want to make sure for the record, however, that the total number of five members of the committee will be representative of all Parties in the House.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: I do not think there is any question about that.

Motion agreed to.

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LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND IMMIGRATION

AUTHORISATION TO TRAVEL

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council) moved:

That the members of the Standing Committee on Labour, Employment and Immigration who are presently involved in the committee's study on the detention of immigrants in the Toronto area, be empowered to travel to Toronto and Montreal during the week of June 10 to 14, 1985, for the purpose of holding public hearings and that the necessary staff do accompany them.

Motion agreed to.

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FINANCE, TRADE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

CONCURRENCE IN SIXTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I move that the sixth report of the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs, presented to the House on Wednesday, May 22, 1985, be concurred in.

This report deals with the consideration of the circumstances arising with respect to legislation concerning the Canadian Commercial Bank and, in effect, allows an extension of the period of time for the consideration of that matter.

Motion agreed to.

POINT OF ORDER

TELEVISION COVERAGE OF BUDGET DEBATE—RULING BY MR. SPEAKER

Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West): Mr. Speaker, I want to raise a point of order. There is an important question that I think remains as a result of your ruling with respect to the matter of televising the budget speech.

I believe that the House should be informed as to exactly who gave the instructions to the broadcasting bureau to depart from the rules previously agreed to by the House as to the manner of broadcasting the budget speech. I am not sure who should give this answer, whether it is the Government House Leader or an appropriate officer of the House, but I think it is necessary as a result of your ruling a few moments ago for this additional information to be provided to the House.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member is asking a very good question to which I do not yet have the final answer. As the Hon. Member would expect, I have sought the answer to that question and will be happy to advise the House when I know it.

It is clear from watching the coverage of the last few Budgets that there have been more periods of applause during the budget presentations, which creates difficulty for the producers in the television facility. I suspect that producers, on their own initiative and with the best of intentions, have been bringing the cameras back for wider shots during those periods in order to deal with what would be relatively dead time in production terms.

Furthermore, between the two budget presentations, the placement of the Finance Minister in the Chamber changed sufficiently so that when the same three cameras were used for Mr. Lalonde, there was an entirely different perspective because Mr. Lalonde sat at that end and the current Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) sits at this end. This time, a fourth camera—the camera at the end—was added to the shot and, I suspect, for the same reason. It was added and used during periods of applause. Therefore, the head and shoulder coverage, which is covered in our rules as the electronic *Hansard* of someone speaking, was not available because we were dealing with a period when no one was speaking.

While I will certainly relay any further information, I suspect that there is nothing more to it than an attempt by our staff to try to make the presentation of the House easier to follow on television. I will, of course, be happy to report to the House of Commons whatever information I find.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Paul Dick (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following question will be answered today: No. 289.