

Mr. Edwards: Madam Speaker, I think you would find that there would be unanimous consent to admit some travel motions at this time.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Is it agreed?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

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COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

AUTHORIZATION TO TRAVEL

Mr. Jim Edwards (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons) moved:

That five members and one staff of the Standing Committee on Forestry and Fisheries be authorized to travel to Fredericton, New Brunswick, from July 5 to July 8, 1992 to attend the 14th annual meeting of the Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees;

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Jim Edwards (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons) moved:

That three members and two staff of the Standing Committee on Forestry and Fisheries be authorized to travel to Gaspé, Iles-de-la-Madeleine, Moncton and Prince Edward Island during the adjournment of the House between July 15 and August 28, 1992, in order to conduct an evaluation of programs and activities funded under the Atlantic Fisheries Adjustment Program and the Federal Program for Quebec Fisheries Development.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Jim Edwards (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons) moved:

Further, that five MPs and three staff of the subcommittee on the St. Lawrence Seaway be authorized to travel to Thunder Bay, St. Catharines and Montreal, to hold meetings concerning the competitiveness of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway system for a period not exceeding six days while the House is not sitting between June 23 and September 30, 1992.

That notwithstanding any Standing Order of this House, the Chief Whip of any recognized party may effect substitutions for that travel from any envelopes, by filing notice thereof with the Clerk of the Committee, and such substitutions shall be effective for the entire

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period of travel and should be effective immediately when they are received by the Clerk of the Committee.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Jim Edwards (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons) moved:

Finally, that three members and three staff of the subcommittee on the Standing Committee on Justice and the Solicitor General on the recodification of the general part of the Criminal Code be authorized to travel to Canberra, Australia and to Auckland and Wellington, New Zealand from September 8 to September 20, 1992, in order to participate at the 4th International Congress on Criminal Law to be held on recodification of general parts of the Criminal Code as well as to participate in working sessions with the Australian and New Zealand parliamentarians and senior officials.

• (1530)

Mr. Riis: Madam Speaker, I have some concern with reference to what the parliamentary secretary to the government House leader just introduced. I certainly have no difficulty with the travel for examination of the St. Lawrence Seaway as well as the travel to Fredericton, New Brunswick.

I must say that the matter of travelling to Australia and New Zealand to the tune of \$54,000 is news to me. This was just handed to me. That seems to be an awful lot of money for a trip that I have no background information on.

With all generosity to my hon. friend, I want to say that I have no difficulty with the three trips in Canada at all. However, before I can give my support to spending \$54,492 to go to Australia and New Zealand, I need some information. I do not know what kind of a trip this is. There has been no consultation and for that reason I support the three trips but not the fourth one to Australia.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Maybe I can help the House. Maybe there could be more consultations on the fourth one and the hon. parliamentary secretary could come back to the House.

Mr. Milliken: Madam Speaker, I concur with the first three motions that have been put to the House. I want to indicate our willingness to co-operate in expediting these motions to see that they are passed immediately this afternoon.