Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements Act

start again with the goal of coming to the successful conclusion that Canadians deserve from us.

To that end, I propose that our respective House Leaders meet as soon as possible to discuss the appropriate mechanism for preparing recommendations on which Parliament can act.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

As we know, no answer has ever been received. One can only assume that their silence, whether it signalled silent approval or a desire—

Mr. Cassidy: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Member for Ottawa Centre (Mr. Cassidy) on a point of order.

Mr. Cassidy: Mr. Speaker, I dealt precisely with that issue when it was raised by the Deputy Prime Minister (Mr. Nielsen). I pointed out that this matter was, by agreement with the House Leaders, sent to the Standing Committee on Management and Members' Services—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. That is a matter of debate. The Hon. Member for Kootenay West (Mr. Brisco).

Ms. Copps: Tell the truth.

Mr. Brisco: Mr. Speaker, one can only assume that their silence, whether it signalled silent approval or a desire not to deal with the subject, was a preference to wait for a future opportunity to seize some political advantage.

Mr. Rodriguez: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. The Member is misleading this House by stating that the Leaders of the two opposition Parties did not communicate with the Prime Minister.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. The Hon. Member for York Centre (Mr. Kaplan).

Mr. Kaplan: Mr. Speaker, this is a debate about ministerial impropriety. This Member is raising a question of a letter written by the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) to Members of Parliament having to do with a standard of conduct for Members of Parliament, not for Ministers. I think it should be drawn to the Member's attention that he is talking about something completely different—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Cassidy: On a further point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: No. There are no further points of order.

[Translation]

Order! It is my duty to advise the House that, pursuant to Standing Order 82(12), the proceedings on this Opposition motion have expired.

[English]

FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL FISCAL ARRANGEMENTS AND FEDERAL POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION AND HEALTH CONTRIBUTIONS ACT, 1977

MEASURE TO AMEND

The House resumed, from Friday, May 9, consideration of the motion of Mr. Wilson (Etobicoke Centre) that Bill C-96, an Act to amend the Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements and Federal Post-Secondary Education and Health Contributions Act, 1977, be read the second time and referred to a legislative committee; and on the amendment of Mr. Lewis (p. 13066).

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Pursuant to S.O. 13(5), the House will now proceed to the taking of the deferred division on Bill C-96, an Act to amend the Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements and Federal Post-Secondary Education and Health Contributions Act, 1977.

The question is on the motion of Mr. Lewis:

That the question be now put.

Call in the Members.

The House divided on the motion (Mr. Lewis), which was agreed to on the following division:

(1800)

(Division No. 256)

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