MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

Mr. Maurice A. Dionne (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence): While I am on my feet, Mr. Speaker, may I ask that all notices of motions for the production of papers be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Shall all remaining notices of motions for the production of documents be allowed to stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[*English*]

WAYS AND MEANS
INCOME TAX ACT

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Finance) moved:

That a ways and means motion to amend the Income Tax Act laid upon the table June 13, 1977, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

INCOME TAX APPLICATION RULES, 1971

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Finance) moved:

That a ways and means motion to amend the Income Tax Application Rules, 1971, laid upon the table June 13, 1977, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

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INCOME TAX ACT
MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Finance) moved that Bill C-56, to amend the statute law relating to income tax (No. 2) be read the first time and printed.

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

Mr. McCleave: On division.

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

Mr. Speaker: When shall the said bill be read the second time. Next sitting of the House?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. McCleave: On division.

Mr. Speaker: Government orders.

Organized Crime

Mr. McCleave: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, I hope that my opposition to the income tax bill—I am really concerned about the life insurance policy provisions—is recorded as "on division".

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

ALLOTTED DAY S.O. 58—REQUEST FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF
ROYAL COMMISSION ON ORGANIZED CRIME

Mr. Stuart Leggatt (New Westminster) moved:

That this House calls on the government to establish forthwith a royal commission on organized crime in Canada.

He said: Mr. Speaker, the last time this House had the opportunity to debate this matter in this kind of detail was November 12, 1974. The motion at that time was put down by the hon. member for Saint-Hyacinthe (Mr. Wagner) who made a very eloquent plea for some changes in our law in terms of this insidious and growing force in Canadian society—organized crime. We have indicated before, and I want to indicate now, that this party congratulates the CBC on a hard-hitting and tough journalistic exercise. In my view, if we had more programs like this presentation of the CBC, we would not only have a higher listening audience but we would have better co-operation from ordinary members of the public in getting at the problem of organized crime, which starts at the street level.

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This House should issue very high congratulations to the CBC. I have a caveat to say about those congratulations. As I indicated, the last time the House debated this motion the hon. member for Saint-Hyacinthe was the person who put it on the order paper. As a viewer, it did seem to me unfair that the insinuation and the innuendo implicated three members of parliament. Those members of parliament will have an opportunity to answer in the courts, but I hope they will answer in the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, right here in the House, so that there will be a full and open inquiry into these matters. There was certainly an insinuation in the program concerning those members and I hope they welcome a full and open inquiry into the political area.

Surely we have missed the main point, and that is the reason a royal commission is so necessary. The royal commission should not be limited to the rules of this House, but should go into the question of organized crime and how far it has insinuated its tentacles into the political, business and union life of Canada. That is what we need to find out.

An hon. Member: And the police force.

Mr. Leggatt: Yes, and the police force, if it is there. I see the Solicitor General (Mr. Fox) is shrugging his shoulders and indicating that it is not there. I am sure he will stand up and say that it is not there.