

Order for Return

[English]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The questions as enumerated by the Parliamentary Secretary have been answered.

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QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, if it is the pleasure of the House that Question No. 336 be made an Order for Return, the return would be tabled immediately.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that Question No. 336 be deemed to have been made an Order for Return?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

[Text]

GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND EMPLOYEES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA
Question No. 336—**Mr. Brisco:**

As of April 29, 1988, in the constituencies of (a) Burnaby (b) Capilano (c) Cariboo—Chilcotin (d) Comox—Powell River (e) Cowichan—Malahat—The Islands (f) Esquimalt—Saanich (g) Fraser Valley East (h) Fraser Valley West (i) Kamloops—Shuswap (j) Kootenay East—Revelstoke (k) Kootenay West (l) Mission—Port Moody (m) Nanaimo—Alberni (n) New Westminster—Coquitlam (o) North Vancouver—Burnaby (p) Okanagan North (q) Okanagan—Similkameen (r) Prince George—Bulkley Valley (s) Prince George—Peace River (t) Richmond—South Delta (u) Skeena (v) Surrey—White Rock—North Delta (w) Vancouver Centre (x) Vancouver East (y) Vancouver—Kingsway (z) Vancouver Quadra (aa) Vancouver South (bb) Victoria, does the Government have (i) offices (ii) employees and, if so, in each case, in what numbers?

Return tabled.

[English]

Mr. Hawkes: Mr. Speaker, I ask that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

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

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

ALLOTTED DAY, S. O. 82—BANK CHARGES—CONCURRENCE IN
REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt) moved:

That the Nineteenth Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs, respecting bank charges, presented to the House on Monday, June 6, 1988, be concurred in, and that the adoption of this motion shall not be considered to be a question of confidence in the government.

Mr. Nystrom: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker, if I can get the Parliamentary Secretary's attention across the way. We have done the normal consulting around the Chamber. We would like the vote deferred until six o'clock Monday, if possible. I understand this will take unanimous consent of the House.

I have done the consulting with the Government's Deputy House Leader of the Liberal Party. We all agree with that. We might as well do it now.

Mr. Hawkes: As usual, Mr. Speaker, this reflects the accuracy of our conversations. Yes, we think it would be in the House's best interest to defer the vote to Monday. We do concur.

[Translation]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member for Saint-Jacques (Mr. Guilbault) also consents. Therefore, the vote on this motion is deferred until next Monday at 6 p.m. by unanimous consent.

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[English]

Mr. Rodriguez: Mr. Speaker, in beginning the debate on this motion I want to point out a very important aspect of it. Normally a vote on an allotted day is considered a question of confidence in the Government. I want to make it crystal clear that in the motion which I have put forward today it is specifically spelled out that a vote in favour of the motion is not to be considered a lack of confidence in the Government. That is justifiable because the motion is to concur in the report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs, which committee represents all sides of the House.

As a matter of fact, the Conservative Chairman was dubbed a socialist by the Bankers Association. Robert MacIntosh called the Member for Mississauga South (Mr. Blenkarn) a socialist. I am prepared to adopt him. I will baptize him and call him a socialist for this interregnum. He is indeed a red socialist.

The report represents the opinions, after study, of all sides of the House. The motion I put forward reflects the view arrived at in the committee. Conservative Members may try to hide behind the veil that they must vote against this motion in order not to show a lack of confidence in the Government. I want to make that clear. The motion specifically says:

That the Nineteenth Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs, respecting bank charges, presented to the House on Monday, June 6, 1988, be concurred in, and that the adoption of this motion shall not be considered to be a question of confidence in the government.

Members must recognize that voting to concur in a report of a committee comprised of members of all Parties of this House does not indicate a lack of confidence in the Government. This