

Business of the House

under Standing Order 41(2), the fourth report of the advisory group on executive compensation in the public service.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**TABLING OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN IAEA AND GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA ON CANDU REACTOR SAFEGUARDS**

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I should like to table a copy of the agreement between the International Atomic Energy Agency and the government of the republic of Argentina on the application of safeguards. I have asked for an authenticated French translation from the energy agency, which I will make available. Because of the possibility of an early closing of the House, I have departed from established precedent in not tabling this agreement in both official languages. I hope this will be understood.

Mr. Broadbent: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege.

Mr. Speaker: Is the hon. member rising on a question of privilege with regard to the tabling of documents?

Mr. Broadbent: No, Mr. Speaker. Your Honour suggested earlier today that those who had questions of privilege arising out of the alleged activities of the hon. member for Kenora-Rainy River (Mr. Reid) should raise them at twelve o'clock, and I do so.

Mr. Speaker: I propose to take all outstanding questions of privilege with respect to that matter under Motions, which will be called very shortly.

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WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**GUIDELINE DATES FOR METRIC CONVERSION—REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE**

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council) moved:

That the order numbered Government Business No. 9 be discharged; and

That the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs be authorized to consider the government's program of guideline dates for metric conversion.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Standing Order 21(2), this notice of motion is transferred to and ordered for consideration under government orders later this day.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**ALLOCATION OF TIME FOR BILL C-2**

On the order: Motions:

[Mr. Trudeau.]

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, there have been some discussions among the House leaders dealing with Bill C-2, and I am prepared to move a motion under Standing Order 75A. However, I would like to be certain of the support of the other House leaders. There have been some exchanges which relate to a statement by the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. I would therefore invite you, Mr. Speaker, to ask the other House leaders whether they are in agreement to proceed with a motion under Standing Order 75A today.

Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Speaker, I am always prepared to support the President of the Privy Council when there is justice and equity involved. If the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs is prepared to make a statement, as I understand he is, with regard to one item which has been contentious, I am sure this would facilitate our giving the government the kind of order about which the President of the Privy Council is speaking.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Yes, Mr. Speaker, it was our understanding that agreement had been reached for a motion under Standing Order 75A specifying that later in the session, in other words, when we come back, the debate on the remaining report stage motions and on third reading would be limited to a total of two days.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

[Translation]

Mr. Beaudoin: We have had some discussions, Mr. Speaker, and we have agreed to let Bill C-2 pass within two days.

Mr. Ouellet: Mr. Speaker, if the House is prepared to restrict the debate on Bill C-2 to two days this fall, in a spirit of co-operation, I am willing to assure hon. members that I will move, in due time, an amendment to clause 31.4 which could partly satisfy the hon. member for York-Simcoe (Mr. Stevens) on the matter of franchises. This amendment would partly include the terms of motion No. 5 now appearing on the order paper.

[English]

Mr. Sharp: I now move:

That in relation to Bill C-2, an act to amend the Combines Investigation Act and the Bank Act and to repeal an act to amend an act to amend the Combines Investigation Act and the Criminal Code, two sitting days shall be allotted to the consideration of the report stage and the third reading and passage stage of the said bill;

That, after the disposal of the report stage of the said bill, the House shall proceed forthwith to the consideration of the third reading and passage stage of the said bill; and

That, on the second of the said days, at fifteen minutes before the expiry of the time provided for government business in such sitting, any proceeding then before the House shall be interrupted, if required for the purpose of this order, in turn, every question then necessary in order to dispose of the report stage and the third reading and passage stage of the said bill shall be put forthwith and successively without further debate or amendment.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Sharp: I should add that it would not be our intention to call Bill C-2 before we recess. Might I also ask whether there could be agreement, or perhaps an order of the House, that after we have disposed of Bill C-66 today—