

When a Member has given at least 24 hours written notice that he or she is unable to be present to move his or her motion under Private Members' Business on the date required by the order of precedence, and if that item of business is not one which has been designated "votable" by the Standing Committee on Private Members' Business, the Speaker, with the permission of the Members involved, may arrange for an exchange of positions in the order of precedence with a Member whose motion or Bill in the order of precedence has not been designated "votable";

That, in the event that the Speaker has been unable to arrange an exchange, the House shall continue with the business prior to Private Members' Hour pursuant to Standing Order 39(2), provided that there shall be no extension of the sitting pursuant to Standing Order 9(4), and any division on a debatable motion shall be deferred until 6 o'clock p.m. on the next sitting day.

For the purposes of this section, Standing Order 13(5) relating to deferred divisions on a Thursday shall apply; and

That this order shall expire Wednesday, April 15, 1987, at the ordinary hour of adjournment.

Mr. Speaker: Does the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary have the unanimous consent of the House to move the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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CONSUMER AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS

AUTHORITY FOR STANDING COMMITTEE TO TRAVEL

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the second motion is as follows:

That, the Standing Committee on Consumer and Corporate Affairs be authorized to travel to Vancouver, British Columbia, from March 5 to 7, 1987, inclusive, in relation to its mandate under Standing Order 96(2) to hear witnesses on the subject of food irradiation and that the necessary staff do accompany the committee.

Mr. Speaker: Does the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary have the unanimous consent of the House to move the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Riis: Mr. Speaker, we certainly do agree. I would like to take this opportunity to indicate my appreciation of my colleagues' assistance in the House of Commons yesterday in my absence. I appreciate the co-operation which Members showed yesterday.

Motion agreed to.

Questions on the Order Paper

POINT OF ORDER

ALLEGED UNPARLIAMENTARY LANGUAGE

Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East): Mr. Speaker, in keeping with the Standing Orders I am taking this earliest opportunity to raise an issue arising from Question Period. It deals with the unparliamentary language of the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson). I would like to serve notice that I would like to raise this as a point of order. Since the Minister is not here, I would prefer to wait until he is in the House and has a chance to withdraw his remarks.

Mr. Speaker: The Chair has heard the intervention of the Hon. Member for Hamilton East (Ms. Copps). The Chair will take that as notice and it can be dealt with at an appropriate time.

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[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 54, 60 and 68.

[Text]

OFFICIAL RECEPTIONS

Question No. 54—**Mr. Malépart:**

1. Since September 4, 1984, did the Prime Minister and/or Mrs. Mulroney hold any official or private receptions paid for from public funds at (a) 24 Sussex Drive (b) Harrington Lake (c) any other location (i) in Canada (ii) outside Canada and, if so, in each case, what was the total number of receptions?

2. For each reception, what was the (a) date (b) number of guests and their names (c) total cost (d) proposed menu (e) total cost for food (f) cost of flowers (g) type of flowers (h) supplier of the flowers?

Mr. Len Gustafson (Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister): 1. & 2. As Head of Government, it is a long-standing practice for a Prime Minister and/or his wife to give hospitality or to hold receptions in honour of diplomatic guests and distinguished Canadian citizens.

The specific details requested in this question and the costs associated with this practice are not readily available and in many cases not identified or recorded separately.

ATTENDANCE OF PRIME MINISTER AT AGRICULTURAL MEETING

Question No. 60—**Mr. Boudria:**

1. Did the Prime Minister travel to Alberta in September, 1986, at public expense, for the purpose of participating in the by-election in the constituency of Pembina and, if so (a) was there any other purpose to the trip (b) what was the total cost?

2. Was the entire trip paid from public funds and, if not, what portion was paid by the (a) Government (b) Conservative Party of Canada?