Business of the House

I would ask the hon. member to let me look at the statement to which he refers and I shall consider it. If necessary, I will call upon another hon. member, but I shall come back and I shall rule upon it.

PARTY FUNDRAISING

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, yesterday in the House I responded to a statement by the member from the Reform Party and I quoted from a document which relates to the B.C. party's fundraising which includes wills, and insurance policies.

I have the complete document and with the permission of the House, I would like to table it at this time. It will prove that we do not ask for political tax credits to be used to pay for any premiums.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member asks for permission to table the document. Is it agreed?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

WEEKLY STATEMENT

Mr. David Dingwall (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, my question to the government House leader is for the business for tomorrow, Monday, Tuesday, and as far as he can see in terms of next week.

Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, with the hopeful completion of second reading stage of Bill C-60 today, it would be my intention tomorrow to call Bill C-52, an act respecting water resources in the Yukon Territory at second reading, followed by Bill C-64, the Northwest Territories Act, for all three stages.

On Monday, we will be proceeding with the report and third reading stages of Bill C-61, an act to provide for borrowing authority for the 1992 fiscal year and on Tuesday, I would hope to call an allotted day.

Mr. Dingwall: Mr. Speaker, I make this observation as a representation to the government House leader. Certain press reports have indicated that a move is afoot with the government in terms of denying or if you will, doing away with annual parliamentary reports being tabled in the House of Commons.

The minister will well know that would require, in many instances, an amendment to the particular statute for that department. Where there is no particular statute in play other than the traditions and the customs of this House, I am wondering if the minister would take that as representation and come back to the House. Perhaps I could share with him the article in which it was printed in order to clarify any misunderstandings that may exist.

Mr. Andre: As an experienced politician, the hon. member knows that one ought not to take everything in print as gospel. I do not know of any such rumour, but as the hon. member quite rightly points out, many of the requirements for annual reports to Parliament arise out of the specific pieces of legislation which create the mandate of the agencies and so on whose annual reports are required to be tabled.

It would certainly take a bill of this House to undertake that kind of move. It might possibly be that somewhere within government there are officials looking at the cost benefit of those kinds of expenditures and so on. Certainly, before the government would ever contemplate doing something like that, we would want to have discussions with the other side of the aisle.

Mr. Dingwall: Mr. Speaker, my final question to the government House leader is: Can he indicate to the House whether or not there is any intention of the government of Canada to lay upon the table a comprehensive report with regard to the Beaudoin—Dobbie report which was a special joint committee? Is there an intention to table a report before the House rises in June?

Mr. Andre: Subject to correction, I believe the government needs to respond in some fashion. Obviously, given other events that have occurred and the discussions going on and the meetings with provinces, et cetera, the nature of the report will undoubtedly be affected by those discussions. But we will certainly meet the commitment, if it exists and I think it does, that we need some sort of report. In the meantime, we will get progress on these constitutional discussions and the contents of that report will not be as significant or matter as much.