

Message from the Senate

Thus, Mr. Speaker, in over 20 years, the House of Commons has never before passed all the bills related to a budget, as was done during this session. Let me enumerate them. We have had the Income Tax Act, the borrowing authority bill, the Customs Tariff Act, the fiscal transfers, the Excise Tax Act, the six day budget debate. And if I wanted to add all the bills related to the economy, I have here a list of 65 measures which as of four o'clock this afternoon will have been approved during this session, which is more than usual, and it is another positive aspect to which we shall come back later on.

During this session, we have passed more economic or financial bills than ever before in previous sessions, and I do not want to take the credit for it and I am not looking for plaudits, quite the opposite. I do not expect congratulations from the Leader of the Opposition. I do not ask for any, but what I am asking him to do is to recognize that his own House leader and the House leader of the New Democratic Party have done everything in their power to allow this Parliament to produce at least a minimum, and by a happy coincidence, this minimum represents more than what was done in previous years, and I believe that they have contributed to this result. I simply wanted to point this out. However, I have not only compliments to address to the House leaders. As much as possible, I shall avoid making criticisms, but in the areas where they deserve congratulations, no one will stop me from saying so because I am speaking quite sincerely. Going back to the month of April, we avoided a situation which was, and still is, the result of two elections in less than a year. Hon. members will remember that because of the nature of our Standing Orders—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Order please. I regret to interrupt the hon. member but it being one o'clock, I do now leave the chair until two o'clock this afternoon.

At one o'clock the House took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

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MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): I have the honour to inform the House that a message has been received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate have passed the following bill without any amendment: Bill C-82, an Act to amend the Pension Act and the Compensation for Former Prisoners of War Act.

[English]

THE ROYAL ASSENT

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): I have the honour to inform the House that a communication has been received which is as follows:

Government House

Madam,

I have the honour to inform you that the Honourable Brian Dickson, Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, in his capacity as Deputy Governor General, will proceed to the Senate Chamber today, the 10th day of July, at 2.15 p.m., for the purpose of giving Royal Assent to certain bills.

I have the honour to be,
Madam,

Your obedient servant,
Edmond Joly de Lotbinière
Administrative Secretary to the Governor General

The Honourable
The Speaker of the House of Commons,
Ottawa

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

HOUSE OF COMMONS**MOTION RESPECTING SUMMER RECESS**

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Pinard:

That, when the House adjourns on the day this order is adopted, it shall stand adjourned until Wednesday, October 14, 1981, provided that at any time prior to that date, if it appears to the satisfaction of Madam Speaker, after consultation with the government, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time, Madam Speaker may give notice that she is so satisfied, and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice, and shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time; and

That, in the event of Madam Speaker's being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, the Deputy Speaker, the Deputy Chairman of Committees or the Assistant Deputy Chairman of Committees shall act in her stead for all the purposes of this order.

Mr. Pinard: Mr. Speaker, as I was saying, since the beginning of this session last April, 1980 in this House, we will have adopted and obtained royal assent, after what Your Honour just mentioned, to some 65 bills.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Pinard: I have the list of those bills here, but I will not read the list because it would be rather long. However, Your Honour will see that among those 65 bills there is a lot of major and most important legislation related to financial matters, related to budget, and related to other major subjects, like the Post Office, the Bank Act and others.