

members who represent Canadians in this House and make such major statements in the House of Commons.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, on the point of order or question of privilege, and I am not sure which, I welcome the opportunity to respond to the hon. member. The speech I delivered in Toronto was, indeed, a policy speech. It was about 30 minutes long and I know, Mr. Speaker, as I am sure you and other members are aware, that statements on motions are to be made in this House in a short, succinct fashion. I did not think, in view of the length of this speech, that it would be appropriate to deliver it in the House as a statement on motions.

If hon. members would want me to read the speech into the record I would certainly be prepared to do that right now. I would be very delighted to do that, Mr. Speaker. But I did not think it would be proper for me to take the time of the House when all members will be receiving a copy of the speech and will certainly have an opportunity to question me in the House and in the committee. The estimates are before the standing committee and I would be very glad to respond to any questions. Perhaps during the intervening period of time hon. members will be able to examine and review the statements I have made and, after reflecting on the speech, their questions will be a little more incisive and deliberate, rather than the kind of hodge-podge we get from members across the way.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The House will know, of course, that it is the prerogative of ministers to make such statements inside or outside the House, and their choice in either direction does not constitute a point of order or a question of privilege.

● (1520)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*Translation*]

FINANCE, TRADE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Third report of Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs—Mr. Clarke (Vancouver Quadra).

[*Editor's Note: For text of above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.*]

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[*English*]

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

MEASURE RESPECTING RELOCATION

Hon. Erik Nielsen (Minister of Public Works) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-22, an act respecting the relocation of government agencies.

Order Paper Questions

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

VISIT OF PRESIDENT CARTER

Hon. Walter Baker (President of the Privy Council and Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, there have been consultations through the usual channels with respect to this matter, and I hope that this motion will receive unanimous consent. It concerns the visit of President Carter to Ottawa on November 9 and 10. I move:

That the House adjourn at one o'clock p.m. on Friday, November 9, 1979; that the address of the President of the United States, Mr. Jimmy Carter, to be delivered in the House chamber on Friday, November 9, 1979, before members of the Senate and of the House of Commons, together with all introductory and related speeches, be printed as an appendix to the House of Commons *Debates* of that day and form part of the records of this House; and that the President's speech, attendant and related remarks be made available to the media for transmission in the usual way by the House of Commons broadcast system.

Motion agreed to.

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[*Translation*]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. David Kilgour (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 156, 195, 196 and 216.

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

[*Text*]

DUTY FREE SHOPS—LAND FRONTIER POINTS

Question No. 156—**Mr. Herbert:**

Is the government considering the establishment of duty-free shops at Canadian land frontier points and, if so, what are the considered benefits and is an early decision likely?

Hon. Walter Baker (President of the Privy Council and Minister of National Revenue): As announced in the House on October 26, 1979, approval has been given to the principle of establishing duty-free shops at land frontier locations and criteria for applicants should be announced shortly. Potential benefits would be increased employment opportunities, greater sales of Canadian manufactured products, and the generation of new tax revenues for all levels of government.

ENVIRONMENT—NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

Question No. 195—**Mr. Herbert:**

How many (a) permanent (b) term employees were on the Department of the Environment's payroll on March 31, 1979?