

Adjournment Debate

Accordingly, Madam Speaker with the House went up to the Senate chamber.

● (2205)

[English]

And being returned:

Madam Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that when the House went up to the Senate chamber, the Deputy Governor General had been pleased to give in Her Majesty's name the Royal Assent to the following bills:

Bill S-16, an act respecting the president of the Lethbridge Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Bill C-62, an act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the Government of Canada for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1981—Chapter No. 51.

Bill C-63, an act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the Government of Canada for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1982—Chapter No. 52.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

Mr. Collenette: I rise on a point of order, Madam Speaker, to beg the indulgence of the House. I have discussed a matter with the hon. member for Nepean-Carleton (Mr. Baker) and the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) concerning two reports that should have been tabled earlier. I regret that I did not rise at the appropriate time, but I believe there is agreement in respect of the tabling of these reports at this time.

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): Yes, Madam Speaker. These are documents which I understand would have been tabled at that stage of the proceedings today. The hon. member has indicated to me what they contain, they are in order and I would be pleased to consent.

Mr. Knowles: Agreed.

Madam Speaker: Does the House agree that we revert to tabling of documents?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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TABLING OF REPORTS

MANDATORY SUPERVISION: A DISCUSSION PAPER

Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General): Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 41(2) I should like to table in both official languages a report entitled "Mandatory Supervision: A Discussion Paper".

● (2210)

ACCOUNTABLE MANAGEMENT

Mr. D. M. Collenette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, also under the provisions of Standing Order 41(2) I would like to table on behalf of the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. Johnston) a document entitled "Accountable Management".

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[English]

A motion to adjourn the House under Standing Order 40 deemed to have been moved.

MCDONALD ROYAL COMMISSION—INQUIRY RESPECTING OPERATION DIRECTED AT CHINESE EMBASSY IN OTTAWA

Hon. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to see my friend, the Solicitor General (Mr. Kaplan), here in the chamber this evening to deal with this particular matter on the adjournment debate. As the House may recall, this question was asked of the Solicitor General just a few days ago. It was pursuant to a notice I had given him on March 23 that I would ask him a question about a rather interesting operation which was carried out by the security service sometime ago against the People's Republic of China embassy.

The reason I felt after these years that it would be an interesting thing to bring out is that I felt sure the McDonald commission of inquiry and, indeed, the security service itself would probably be interested in seeing what lessons, if any, were learned from this Keystone cops operation, which had as its ultimate absurdity the then secretary of state for external affairs having to call John C. Doyle, who at that time was embroiled in some serious disputes with the Government of Canada, begging him, please, to keep quiet about this particular incident he and his employee discovered.

I am interested to know whether in this particular context the McDonald commission was apprised of this and whether, of course, there were other implications arising from it. Much to my surprise, the Solicitor General indicated that despite my notice, he knew nothing at all about it. I wonder how many files of this particular nature there are.

However, apart from that, I am interested in pursuing another aspect of the hon. minister's answer because in his reply he said to me that it is a matter of public record that the McDonald commission has been given full access to all the records of the security service of the RCMP and the whole of the RCMP.

Your Honour and I both know that there is a big difference between being given access to something and getting the actual