Committee Report

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

TABLING OF NOTES SENT UNDER TERMS OF OUTER SPACE AGREEMENT

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 41(1) I have the honour to table, in both official languages, copies of notes which have been transmitted to the Embassy of the U.S.S.R. and to the Secretary General of the United Nations. These notes contain the texts of notifications which we are required to give to the launching state and the Secretary General of the United Nations under the terms of the 1968 agreement on the rescue of astronauts, the return of astronauts and the return of objects launched into outer space.

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

TABLING OF DOCUMENT PREPARED FOR MEETING OF FIRST MINISTERS

Mr. Ed. Lumley (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I should like to table copies in English and French of a background document for the meeting next week of first ministers. The document is entitled "Canada's Economy—Medium-term Projections and Targets."

ANTI-INFLATION ACT

TABLING OF BOARD'S REPORTS

Mr. Ed. Lumley (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to section 17(2) of the Anti-Inflation Act I wish to table, in both official languages, copies of four reports sent to the administrator by the Anti-Inflation Board.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS OF SOVIET CITIZENS—REQUEST QUESTION BE RAISED AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE— MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Speaker: Earlier today under the provisions of Standing Order 43 the hon. member for York Centre (Mr. Kaplan), with the support of the hon. member for Grenville-Carleton (Mr. Baker), received the consent of the House to present a motion, and in due course the motion was passed.

The motion made reference to a brief preamble put by the hon. member for York Centre. Upon re-examination it appeared that the motion was worded in such a way as to be self-sufficient in its own terms, and in fact it was not. As a result, the Table officers have suggested an editorial change which I understand meets the approval of the mover and seconder of the motion. The motion now reads as follows:

[Mr. Allard.]

That this House asks that parliament's concern respecting the treatment of Anatoly Shcharansky and other Soviet citizens who have attempted to exercise their rights and freedoms as embodied in the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe and agreed to by participating states at Helsinki, be raised at the earliest opportunity at the Belgrade meeting of the CSCE now under way.

Is it agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

BROADCASTING, FILMS AND ASSISTANCE TO THE ARTS

PERMISSION FOR STANDING COMMITTEE TO TRAVEL

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Minister of Transport (Mr. Lang):

That the Standing Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts be empowered to travel to Toronto, Ontario, and to Montreal, Quebec, on February 13 and February 14, 1978, and February 20 and February 21, 1978, respectively for the purpose of studying operations at the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and that the necessary support staff accompany the committee.

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Agreed.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Agreed.

[Translation]

Mr. Caouette (Villeneuve): Agreed.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: There appears to be some understanding. I believe the hon. member for Moncton (Mr. Jones) was consulted as well.

Mr. Jones: I have no objection, Mr. Speaker. I do not know who is going to pay for it, but I shall not be there.

Mr. Speaker: There has been some consultation that the motion should be put at this time. The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

PETITIONS

RESTRICTIONS SOUGHT ON PUBLICATION OF PORNOGRAPHY

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that the Clerk of the House has laid upon the table the fourth report of the Clerk of Petitions stating that he has examined the petition presented by the hon. member for Surrey-White Rock (Mr. Friesen) and finds that it meets the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.