Order Paper Questions

That the document entitled "White Paper on Redistribution", tabled earlier this day, be referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections;

That the Committee report its findings and recommendations not later than June 28, 1985; and

That, notwithstanding the usual practices of this House, if the House is not sitting when the final report of the Committee is completed, that the Committee shall report its findings by depositing its report with the Clerk of the House and that it shall thereupon be deemed to have been laid upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker: Does the Hon. President of the Privy Council (Mr. Hnatyshyn) have the unanimous consent necessary to introduce his motion?

Mr. Allmand: Mr. Speaker, is it in order for me to ask a question of clarification of the Minister?

Mr. Speaker: If the Motion were introduced, it would be a debatable motion. However, I believe that what is sought would probably be a helpful practice.

Mr. Allmand: Mr. Speaker, did the Minister say that the committee will report by the end of June 1985? Does that mean that no hearings will be conducted on this particular paper?

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Mr. Speaker, the intention is that this White Paper, which consists of a draft Bill, will receive the consideration of the committee until the end of this month and the committee will make its recommendations, at which time it is the intention of the Government to consider the recommendations of the committee with respect to the amendments proposed in the White Paper. We would then have to take other legislative action if it is the will of the House to proceed. This is not in any way dealing with legislation as such but rather a White Paper setting out certain principles that will allow Members to have input before legislation is introduced.

Mr. Speaker: Does the Hon. President of the Privy Council (Mr. Hnatyshyn) have the unanimous consent of the House to introduce his motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Girve Fretz (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, Question No. 367 will be answered today.

[Text]

CHEESE IMPORTS PERMITTED BY GOVERNMENT

Ouestion No. 367-Mrs. Cossitt:

1. For (a) 1984 (b) 1985, what was/is the level of cheese imports permitted by the Government for (i) speciality cheeses (ii) cheddar cheeses?

2. Have the cheese producers in eastern Ontario asked the Government for a reduction in these levels and, if so, was a decision made and, if not, for what reason?

Hon. James Kelleher (Minister for International Trade): 1. The total quantity of cheese imports in 1984 and 1985 permitted under the global import quota was 20,400,000 kg. (45,000,000 lbs.): (i) Allowable imports in 1984 consisted of 19,946,403 kg. (44,000,000 lbs.) specialty cheeses and (ii) 453,597 kg. cheddar (1 million lbs.). In 1985, the permitted levels for specialty cheese and cheddar are the same.

2. The Government is not aware of any representation made specifically by eastern Ontario cheese producers to reduce the present level of the cheese quota.

[Translation]

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

Mr. Speaker: The question as enumerated by the Parliamentary Secretary has been answered. Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

INDIAN ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

The House resumed consideration of Bill C-31, an Act to amend the Indian Act, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development; and Motions Nos. 33 (Mr. Shields) and 33A (Mr. Crombie) (p. 5627).

Hon. David Crombie (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, prior to the break at one o'clock, there was a motion put standing in the name of the Hon. Member for Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands (Mr. Manly) and further motions from another Member of that Party dealing with my Motion No. 33A.

• (1540)

I have had an opportunity to look at the suggestions which have been made with respect to both the search and seizure question and, indeed, at the matter relating to the question of changing the powers with respect to the distribution of liquor in the Act. With great respect, although I appreciate the