

verse propositions in respect of taxation. There are a number of precedents I could quote. One or two were reported in the Journals of the House for June 19, 1971 where Mr. Benson, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, laid upon the Table notice of Ways and Means Motion to amend the Income Tax Act and other Acts and later a notice of Ways and Means Motion to amend the Excise Tax Act and Old Age Security Act.

I can assure honourable Members there are a large number of similar precedents which indicate that a notice of Ways and Means motion refers to not one single question, but to diverse and different and complex questions. On the basis of long established practice, therefore, the Chair would find it very difficult to rule that this particular Ways and Means Motion ought to be divided.

The President of the Privy Council suggested that in effect there are not two questions contained in this notice. He argued there is but one proposition stated in two parts, but both dealing with the imposition of a charge or tax on the exportation of crude oil from Canada.

I am sure there is much to be said on either side of this argument, that is the point of view expressed by the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition and the point of view expressed in opposition thereto by the President of the Privy Council.

Without going into the substance of the question and without going into this aspect of the matter, looking at the situation from a strictly procedural standpoint and bearing in mind the precedents, the Chair would have to rule that it is not competent to divide the question before us at the present time.

The point raised by the honourable Member for Winnipeg North Centre is also very interesting, but perhaps premature. His point will no doubt be raised and argued more fully at a later stage.

I can assure honourable Members that with the assistance of the Table Officers, I have given most serious consideration to the point raised by the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition. I recognize it is a very important point, one which ought to be taken most seriously. However, as I said, I do not think I would be justified to establish a precedent by accepting the argument that was advanced by the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition and I have to rule accordingly.

Whereupon on motion of Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton), seconded by Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale), it was resolved,—That a Ways and Means Motion to amend the Excise Tax Act, notice of which was laid upon the Table, Tuesday, December 11, 1973, be concurred in.

[At 5.00 o'clock p.m., Private Members' Business was called pursuant to Standing Order 15(4)]

By unanimous consent, Bill S-7, An Act respecting The National Dental Examining Board of Canada, as reported

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(with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills and Standing Orders was concurred in at the report stage.

Mr. Railton, seconded by Mr. Walker, moved,—That the said Bill be now read a third time and do pass.

After debate thereon, the question being put on the said motion, it was agreed to.

Accordingly, the said Bill was read the third time and passed.

#### [Notices of Motions (Papers)]

Mr. Grier, seconded by Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre), moved,—That an Order of the House do issue for a complete copy (including budgets A, B, X) of the Programme Forecast (Programme Review) by the Department of Transport for the latest year for which Parliament approved departmental expenditures.—(Notice of Motion for the Production of Papers No. 91).

And debate arising thereon;

The hour for Private Members' Business expired.

Debate was resumed on the motion of Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale), seconded by Mr. MacEachen,—That Bill C-236, An Act to provide a means to conserve the supplies of petroleum products within Canada during periods of national emergency caused by shortages or market disturbances affecting the national security and welfare and the economic stability of Canada and to amend the National Energy Board Act, be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works.

And debate continuing;

#### (Proceedings on Adjournment Motion)

At 10.00 o'clock p.m., the question "That this House do now adjourn" was deemed to have been proposed pursuant to Standing Order 40(1);

After debate the said question was deemed to have been adopted.

#### Changes in Committee Membership

Notice having been filed with the Clerk of the House pursuant to Standing Order 65(4)(b), membership of Committees was amended as follows:

Messrs. Stewart (Cochrane), Poulin, Macquarrie, Lessard, Corriveau, Ritchie and Stevens for Messrs. Guay (St. Boniface), Smith (Saint-Jean), Stevens, Caron,