

Business of the House

unanimous consent to the presentation and acceptance of this draft order, as follows:

That the first Order of the Day to be called this day shall be the Order for the second reading and reference to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs of Bill C-18, an Act to amend the Criminal Code, to amend an Act to amend the Criminal Code and to amend the Combines Investigation Act, the Customs Act, the Excise Act, the Food and Drugs Act, the Narcotic Control Act, the Parole Act and the Weights and Measures Act, to repeal certain other Acts and to make other consequential amendments, and once called, it shall be deemed to have been agreed to without division;

That the second Order of the Day to be called this day, shall be the Order for the second reading and reference to a Committee of a Whole of Bill C-21, an Act to amend the Currency Act, provided that no more than one Member from each of the recognized Parties shall be permitted to speak no longer than 10 minutes, notwithstanding Standing Order 35(2), at the second reading stage of the said Bill, and that all questions necessary to dispose of the Bill at all stages shall then be deemed to have been adopted without division;

That the third Order of the Day to be called this day, shall be the Order for the second reading and reference to a Committee of the Whole of Bill C-11, an Act to provide borrowing authority;

Provided that:

(i) notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 35(2), one Member from each Party shall be permitted to speak for twenty minutes and that no other Member be permitted to speak longer than ten minutes during the consideration of the second reading stage of the Bill;

(ii) when the debate on the motion for second reading has been completed, the motion shall be deemed to have been adopted without division;

(iii) at not later than 3:55 o'clock p.m. today the motion for the second reading and reference to a Committee of the Whole of the Bill shall be deemed to have been adopted without division and the House shall immediately proceed to consideration of the Bill in a Committee of the Whole;

(iv) during consideration of the Bill in a Committee of the Whole, a Minister of the Crown shall move an amendment thereto as follows:

"That Bill C-11 be amended by deleting line 5 at page 2 and substituting the following therefore: whole twelve billion dollars, as may be";

En français:

"que le projet de loi C-11 soit modifié en retranchant la ligne 6 à la page 2 et la remplaçant par ce qui suit 'douze milliards de dollars, nécessaires à la'";

and that the said amendment shall be deemed adopted without debate or amendment; and

(v) at not later than 4:00 o'clock p.m. today every question necessary to dispose of all the remaining stages of the said Bill shall be deemed to have been adopted without division.

That, notwithstanding any Standing Order, when Bill C-11, an Act to provide borrowing authority, is passed the House shall immediately proceed to the consideration of Private Members' Business No. 65.

Once this is disposed of, the House shall then stand adjourned.

Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West): Mr. Speaker, I would like to say on behalf of the Official Opposition that the draft Order which was read to us by the Government House Leader represents the results of the discussions which have taken place among House Leaders. I would like to say that what is in the draft Order with respect to the borrowing Bill reflects the discussions as well of the various finance critics of our Party and, I think, of the New Democratic Party, as well as the Minister of State for Finance, for reducing the amount sought to be borrowed by the Government. I believe, Mr. Speaker, that the House Leader for the Government is also going to make an additional undertaking with respect to the borrowing Bill.

I would also like to say that the result of the Order, if adopted by this House, will be to enable debate to take place, within the framework of consideration of the borrowing Bill, on the matter of universality of social programs.

I believe what has been presented to the House by the Government House Leader shows how, when the right approach is applied, the work of this House can be facilitated. In this context, Mr. Speaker, I would like to wish my hon. friend the compliments of the season. I can assure him that we will be working very hard to see that, if possible, this approach of co-operation continues so that when the next election comes, if things work out as we hope, we will both be House Leaders but on opposite sides of the House.

Mr. Ian Deans (Hamilton Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I cannot, frankly, join in the last sentiment. I would like first to acknowledge that the agreement which is before us is indeed the agreement which we reached. There is another aspect of it. Although it is not contained in the draft Order, it is an important component of the agreement we arrived at, that being that the Government has committed itself to bring forward, within two weeks of the introduction of its Budget in 1985, the borrowing requirements for the Government in order that we and the public of Canada can see within one time frame the Government's requirements with respect to its tax provisions, spending provisions and borrowing requirements.

I would like to say on behalf of my colleagues that this does afford an opportunity to accomplish all that we set out to accomplish. We do, however, believe that come the early part of 1985, a definitive debate on the question of universality will have to take place and we anticipate that that debate will take place after we receive from the Government the white paper which it promised would be provided to the House of Commons and to the public of Canada in order to facilitate the ongoing debate in the country about the future plans of the Government.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Mr. Speaker, I rise at this point in time in response to the observations of both House Leaders concerning the amendment to the Bill relating to borrowing. Also I would advise the House and the people of Canada that when the Bill is passed in the form indicated in the draft Order, I can undertake on behalf of the Government of Canada that, no later than two weeks following the next Budget brought down by this Government, we will be tabling a borrowing Bill which will set out the balance of the borrowing requirements by the Government for the fiscal year 1985-86. That is, of course, conditional upon this Order receiving consent of the House at this time.

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As far as the debate is concerned, we are dealing with a borrowing Bill and some people may have some observations on an important topic concerning the Bill in the final stages. Others may have quite different ideas as to what the important issues of this country are and will want to deal with the real issues; but we have left that to the discretion of individual