

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, February 25, 1993

The House met at 10 a.m.

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*Prayers*

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[*English*]

## TRADE

### TABLING OF NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

**Hon. Michael Wilson (Minister of Industry, Science and Technology and Minister for International Trade):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 32(2), I have the pleasure to table, in both official languages, the North American free trade agreement entered into by the Governments of Canada, the United States and the United Mexican States. This includes the implementing legislation as well as the tariff schedules.

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[*Translation*]

### MAIN ESTIMATES, 1993-94

A message from His Excellency the Governor General transmitting the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1994 was presented by the Hon. Gilles Loiselle (President of the Treasury Board and Minister of State for Finance) and read by Mr. Speaker to the House.

• (1010)

[*English*]

### REFERENCE TO STANDING COMMITTEES

**Hon. Gilles Loiselle (President of the Treasury Board and Minister of State (Finance)):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to table in support of the Estimates Part I, the government expenditure plan. In addition, I will table with the Clerk of the House on behalf of my colleagues

Part III of the Estimates consisting of 83 departmental expenditure plans.

These documents will be distributed to members of the standing committees to assist in their consideration of the spending authorities sought in Part II of the estimates.

**Mr. David Dingwall (Cape Breton—East Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, I seek the guidance of the Chair. Is the Chair going to put the motion to the House as to whether or not the items ought to be referred to the committee? Before we hear the minister, the Official Opposition wishes to divide on this issue.

**Mr. Speaker:** Perhaps we could defer that decision for just a moment.

The House has heard the suggestion of the minister that the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1994, laid upon the table February 25, 1993, be referred to the several standing committees of the House.

The House has heard the suggestion of the minister. Is it agreed?

**Some hon. members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

**Some hon. members:** Yea.

**Mr. Speaker:** All those opposed will please say nay.

**Some hon. members:** Nay.

**Mr. Speaker:** In my opinion the yeas have it.

*And more than five members having risen:*

**Mr. Speaker:** Call in the members.

The House divided on the motion, which was agreed to on the following division: