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Mr. Speaker: I declare the motion carried.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Mazankowski: Mr. Speaker, there have been discussions with spokesmen for the other Parties with respect to the possibility of receiving unanimous consent to revert to Ways and Means Motion No. 7 standing in the name of the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson). There is some urgency for this matter inasmuch as the Finance Committee will be travelling to Washington on this very important matter. I think it is important that the committee have this information at a very early date. I would ask you to seek the unanimous consent of the House for the presentation of this particular motion, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Gray (Windsor West): Mr. Speaker, may I suggest to the Government House Leader (Mr. Mazankowski) that he also put the other motions for which there have been negotiations, particularly since we want to accommodate the Finance Committee on the working trip it will take. I would agree with his suggestion, if he would also move the other motions. There have been discussions on three motions.

Mr. Mazankowski: Mr. Speaker, I would be very glad to do that and I seek your guidance as to whether you want to deal with the Ways and Means motions first or whether you want me to present the three motions and consider them all together. I will present them in whatever order might be most appropriate.

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps the Deputy Prime Minister (Mr. Mazankowski) could put them in the order he desires. There seems to be no disposition in the House to quarrel.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

AGREEMENT NOT TO SIT ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): I move:

That, when the House adjourns on Thursday, November 27, 1986, it stand adjourned until Monday, December 1, 1986, at 11.00 a.m.

And, that, notwithstanding any special or Standing Order of the House, the final date for referral to Standing Committees of Main Estimates for the year 1987-88 be changed from Sunday, March 1, to Monday, March 2, 1987.

Motion agreed to.

FINANCE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

AUTHORIZATION FOR STANDING COMMITTEE TO TRAVEL

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): The second order is the following:

That the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs be authorized to travel to Washington, D.C., from November 18 to November 21, 1986, inclusive.

Motion agreed to.

I would ask the Party Whip to move the other order because I believe it is in his name.

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COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

CHANGES TO S.O. 94(3) RESPECTING REPLACEMENT MEMBERS

Mr. Scott Fennell (Ontario): Mr. Speaker, I want to move under Provisional Standing Order 94(3), that there be changes to increase the number of replacement members on the committees from five to seven. Second, this would provide the Whips of each Party the ability to select from a pool of people to replace anyone on a committee within 24 hours before the committee begins sitting. It also specifies the responsibility of the MP, the Whip, and the clerks in advising one another of the substitution, and makes it clear and helpful for committee clerks to know that a substitution is authorized and valid. It pools the so-called list of eligible substitutes for each Party only for the Whips' use. It is to ensure that their caucus interests are represented.

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It also allows a vacancy resulting from a resignation to be filled by the Striking Committee rather than requiring a special order of the House, as has been necessary under the reform rule. The Whips of the other Parties have read this order and have agreed to it. Therefore I move:

That Provisional Standing Order 94(3) be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

3(a) Within five sitting days of the organization of any standing or standing joint committee, and from time to time thereafter, every member of every such committee shall file with the clerk of the committee a list of not more than seven members selected from his or her own Party who may substitute for him or her during a meeting of the said committee, as per the procedure set out in sub-paragraph (b) of this section, provided that they shall not become permanent members of the committee. In the event of a member having neglected to file such a list within the prescribed time, the clerk of the committee will so notify in writing the Chief Whip of the respective party, and the member's name shall be struck from the list of members of the committee, and the striking committee shall select another member to take his or her place on the permanent membership of the committee.

(b) Substitutions in the membership of any standing committee, or so far as the House is represented on any standing joint committee, shall be effective the day after notification thereof by the permanent member of the committee is forwarded to the Chief Whip of his or her Party for signature who, in turn, will forward the substitution to the clerk of the committee.