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innovation projects. The names of the recipients are confidential until such time as expenditures are made under the contributions, at which time the expenditures are listed in the Public Accounts of Canada by company name.

3. The Enterprise Development Board approved loan insurance totalling \$100,772,600 representing 67 projects, in the fiscal year ending March 31, 1978. The names of the recipients are confidential and cannot be released without the permission of the company.

EXPORT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Question No. 489—**Mr. McKinnon:**

What were the names and addresses of all lawyers and law firms in the Constituency of Victoria who performed services for the Export Development Corporation during 1977 and, in each case, what was the total amount paid?

Mr. Bernard Loiselle (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): In so far as Export Development Corporation is concerned: By tradition and as a matter of commercial principle Crown corporations have not been required by parliament to answer detailed questions on their administration and operation, and in the case of Export Development Corporation, the Export Development Act places the responsibility for such matters on its board of directors.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: The questions enumerated by the parliamentary secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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EXTENSION OF TIME FOR BUDGET DEBATE

Mr. Paproski: I rise on a point of order. Before we begin the budget debate, I believe there is agreement in the House to carry on right through the lunch hour on this particular debate, in order to allow the participation of more speakers this afternoon. I would like that to be put on the record at this time so that we will not interfere with the budget debate.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Yes, Mr. Speaker, the statement made by the whip of the official opposition is correct. However, I should like to add one comment to it. The purpose of this is to get in as many speakers as possible. I think it is generally understood that no one is going to force a recorded vote on the main motion.

Mr. MacEachen: Yes.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): If that is the case, why cannot debate continue right up until five o'clock? In effect, it would get one more speaker in. I do not know whom I am speaking for, but that is one more speaker.

[Mr. Loiselle (Chambly).]

[Translation]

Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I must say that I did not hear about the proposal which has been made and on which all parties seem to have agreed.

In any case, I am not opposed to it. I think it is quite logical that such proposals be made occasionally because, as I see it, it aims at saving time in order to allow more hon. members to participate in the debate. I therefore say that we are completely willing to support that decision.

[English]

Mr. Paproski: Mr. Speaker, I appreciate what the hon. member for Bellechasse is saying, but we are doing it to facilitate the maiden speech of the new member of the Social Credit party.

Mr. Speaker: The House seems to have consensus on some subject, but I am not sure what it is.

Mr. Martin: Mr. Speaker, the point we were discussing is an agreement that was reached during the course of last evening to enable more members to participate in the budget debate. The idea was that by continuing through the lunch hour and lessening the time for speeches after the first three speakers, it would give an opportunity for more members to participate in this debate before 5 p.m.

Mr. Speaker: I have no difficulty with it, but I would simply like to know the details of what we are talking about. If the House wants me to make an order, I will be glad to do so. For the House to sit through the lunch hour, we must have an order of the House. Also, if there is agreement to shorten the speeches after the first three speakers, I will have to know by how much they are to be shortened.

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I think it is clear that we wish to proceed through the lunch hour. Perhaps you would make that order now. I believe there is agreement on that. Perhaps we could discuss, through the usual channels, the other matter so it can be equally clear.

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Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed to at this time, that in order to assist the introduction of more speakers, the House proceedings will continue through the usual luncheon adjournment between one and two o'clock, and during that time there will be an effort to reach agreement as to the length of speeches after the first three?

Mr. Paproski: That is agreed, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I think there is also general consent to my proposition that the motion not be called until five o'clock.

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Those two elements can be introduced by way of an order at this time. Is it agreed the House will continue to