

*Government Orders*

What is the number of charges that were laid under section 85 of the Criminal Code in 1991, 1992 and 1993 that were subsequently withdrawn without prosecution?

**Mr. Russell MacLellan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada):** The exact numbers of charges laid or withdrawn in any specific year are not available because the statistical information is not compiled on a Canada-wide basis. The Minister of Justice has asked for a survey and study of the application of section 85. These will examine the frequency with which the section 85 offence is charged, as well as the disposition of those charges. When completed, this information will be released by the minister.

[English]

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Maheu):** The question as enumerated by the hon. parliamentary secretary has been answered.

**Mr. Milliken:** I would ask that all remaining questions be allowed to stand.

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Maheu):** Shall the remaining questions stand?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

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## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

### WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT

The House proceeded to the consideration of Bill C-57, an act to implement the agreement establishing the World Trade Organization, as reported (with amendments) from the committee.

#### SPEAKER'S RULING

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Maheu):** We have a ruling on Bill C-57, an act to implement the agreement establishing the World Trade Organization.

There are 10 motions in amendment standing on the notice paper for the report stage of Bill C-57, an act to implement the agreement establishing the World Trade Organization.

[Translation]

Motions Nos. 1, 2, 6 and 7 will be grouped for debate but voted on separately.

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[English]

Motion No. 3 will be debated and voted on separately. Motions Nos. 4 and 5 will be grouped for debate but voted on separately.

[Translation]

Motions Nos. 8, 9 and 10 will be debated and voted on separately.

[English]

I shall now propose Motions Nos. 1, 2, 6 and 7 to the House.

[Translation]

#### MOTIONS IN AMENDMENT

**Mrs. Maud Debie (Laval East, BQ) moved:**

Motion No. 1

That Bill C-57 be amended by adding after line 11, on page 3, the following new Clauses:

"3.1 The Minister of International Trade shall establish a process for consultation with the provinces regarding

- (a) implementation of the Agreement wherever implementation relates to a matter within provincial legislative jurisdiction; and
- (b) any matter relating to trade dispute resolution under the Agreement;
- (c) any economic matter of major international significance.

3.2 Notwithstanding any provision in this Act or in the Agreement, the Governor in Council or the Minister shall not, without prior agreement of the provinces,

- (a) authorize any change to the Agreement in respect of allocation mechanisms for tariff quotas;
- (b) establish or implement policies for selecting trade partners to receive access to the Canadian market.

3.3 In respect of subsidized exports, the Minister shall, in implementing the commitments made by Canada under the Agreement in respect of prices and quantities, have regard at all times to actions taken in the relevant areas by foreign competitors.

3.4 In respect of agricultural products imported beyond established tariff quotas at a time of shortage of such product in domestic markets, the Minister shall take such measures as may be required from time to time, including imposition of tariffs, to ensure that such products are not imported at prices lower than those prevailing for the same products in the domestic markets."

**Mr. Nic Leblanc (Longueuil, BQ) moved:**

Motion No. 2

That Bill C-57 be amended by adding after line 11, on page 3, the following new Clause:

"3.1 Notwithstanding any provision of this Act or the Agreement, the Minister of International Trade shall each year lay before the House of Commons a report taking into account the priorities identified by the committee of the House of Commons that normally considers matters relating to external affairs concerning

- (a) implementation of the Agreement in Canada;
- (b) the trade obligations and commitments undertaken by Canada at the international level by the trading partners of major importance to Canada, especially the United States; and
- (c) the impact of the Agreement on Canadian workers and companies."