

Canada Elections Act

the country. The House is entitled to an answer to that question.

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, I do not accept the preamble at all. The hon. House leader of the opposition is now trying to present himself as an instant expert on the mining industry. If he had followed the work that was done over the past year, he would know that there have been consultations between my department and the industry on a regular basis. He would know that the international market for mining activity in Canada was in a very depressed state. He would know that capacity outside the country had increased very substantially. He would know a lot of these things and would not have to ask that kind of a question.

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, if I should have known these things, then the minister should have known these things. Why has he not done something about it?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Speaker, I thought I made it quite clear that we have been working with the industry. If the hon. member has just become aware of the situation, he should have known that it could happen in the mining industry at any time. Anybody in the mining industry unfortunately has to live with that spectre.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

SPORTS

TABLING OF GREEN PAPER ENTITLED, "A NATIONAL POLICY ON AMATEUR SPORT"

Hon. Iona Campagnolo (Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport)): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 41(2), I am pleased to table in both official languages a green paper entitled, "A National Policy on Amateur Sport".

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CANADA ELECTIONS ACT

AMENDMENT OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS

Hon. Norman A. Cafik (for the President of the Privy Council) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-5, to amend the Canada Elections Act.

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

[Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton).]

CANADA PORTS ACT

ESTABLISHMENT OF PORTS POLICY AND PORT COMMISSIONS

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-6, respecting Canadian ports.

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

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PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

AMENDMENT OF STANDING ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR PERMANENT REFERENCE

Hon. Norman A. Cafik (Minister of State (Multiculturalism)): Mr. Speaker, some concern has been expressed about a change in Standing Order 65(1)(q), which was implemented last year, designed to have a permanent reference for the Standing Committee on Public Accounts. We have discovered that there is a flaw in this particular resolution. I have discussed this with House leaders. The following has been agreed:

That Standing Order 65(1)(q) be amended by inserting between the word "been" and the word "referred" the word "permanently".

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, that is in accordance with discussions we have had. I want to thank the deputy government House leader.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: There seems to be general agreement that that motion be proceeded with now. It cannot be proceeded with without unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent to deal with the motion at this time?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I ask that all questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Does the House agree?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.