Motions

The specific issue that the Hon. Member raises is certainly one that we will consider because of its importance.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

CANADIAN GRAIN COMMISSION

TABLING OF ANNUAL REPORT

Hon. Charles Mayer (Minister of Western Economic Diversification and Minister of State (Grains and Oilseeds)): Mr. Speaker, I wish to table, in both official languages, the annual report for 1988 of the Canadian Grain Commission.

Pursuant to Standing Order 67(4), this document is deemed permanently referred to the Standing Committee on Agriculture.

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THE BUDGET

DESIGNATION OF ORDER OF THE DAY

Hon. Jean J. Charest (Minister of State (Youth) and Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport)): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 83(2), I request the designation of an Order of the Day to allow the presentation of a budget speech on Thursday, April 27 next.

I have a second motion which reads as follows:

That, notwithstanding any standing or special order of this House, at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, April 27, 1989, the Speaker shall interrupt any proceedings then before the House and proceed forthwith to the consideration of Ways and Means Proceedings No. 1, for the purpose of the budget statement of the Minister of Finance;

That, immediately following such budget statement, the House shall revert to the routine proceeding "Introduction of Government Bills" and, following introduction and first reading of a Bill or Bills, the Speaker shall recognize a member of the Official Opposition in debate on Ways and Means Proceedings No. 1; and

That the House shall not adjourn until the adjournment of the debate on Ways and Means Proceedings No. 1, following which the Speaker shall adjourn the House until the next sitting day.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I have a third motion which states:

That, on Friday, April 28, 1989, the House shall meet at 11 o'clock a.m., with Statements by Members pursuant to Standing Order 31 at that time, Oral Questions at 11.15 o'clock a.m., until 12 o'clock noon, followed by the Daily Routine of Business;

That, immediately upon the completion of the Daily Routine of Business, the House shall proceed to Government Orders, Ways and Means Proceedings No. 1 (the Budget motion);

That, during the debate on the Budget motion, on that day, there shall be one speaker for the Official Opposition followed by one speaker for the New Democratic Party and, that both speakers will be allowed whatever time is necessary to complete their speeches; and

That, immediately upon the completion of the speech by the New Democratic Party speaker, but in any event not later than 3.30 o'clock p.m., the Speaker shall adjourn the House until Monday, May 1, 1989, at 11 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Speaker: I should point out that with respect to the Minister's motion concerning a designated day, it requires, of course, consent. The other motions of course do not require such consent.

Mr. Angus: Mr. Speaker, I rise reluctantly on a point of order. I understand that my House Leader has had discussions with the Government House Leader and the House Leader for the Liberal Party. Regretfully, we were not given the actual text of the motions in advance, which is the normal procedure. We support the motion since I understand it is consistent with what was agreed to. However, in the future I would ask that the office of the House Leader be given an advance copy as per our understanding.

Mr. Speaker: I thank the Hon. Member for Thunder Bay—Atikokan. I am sure someone would have noticed the import of his intervention.

Mr. Charest: With respect to the point raised by my colleague from the New Democratic Party, it is well taken. I will ensure that the next time an advance copy is delivered to his House Leader, which was not the case this time.

Mr. Speaker: I thank the Hon. Minister.

Does the Hon. Government House Leader have unanimous consent of the House to move the motion?

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 motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.