

*Order Paper Questions*

● (1240)

I suggest that the hon. member has improperly—I do not mean that in any propriety sense, or simply has not applied your ruling to an analysis of the Main Estimates as he should have done. That being said, I would also point out, as I did at the outset, that your ruling has changed the position which we have taken with respect to the preparation of these Main Estimates and we have been most careful to comply strictly with the rules which you laid down in your decision of June 12 last year.

I think I have covered the points I wish to raise. I do not want to take up a great deal of time of the House on this because the ruling is so straightforward and clear, but I think it is important that the hon. member for Calgary Centre understand exactly how the Main Estimates were prepared this year. I would like to give my assurance to him and to you, Madam Speaker, that no matter how much research he conducts he will not find in these Main Estimates any provision which is in conflict with your ruling.

**Madam Speaker:** I thank both hon. members for their submissions. Of course, I want to look into the different arguments that have been brought forward and I will take that point of order under advisement.

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## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*Translation*]**LABOUR, MANPOWER AND IMMIGRATION**

## PRESENTATION OF SIXTH REPORT

**Mr. Arthur Portelance (Gamelin):** Madam Speaker, I have the honour of tabling the Sixth Report of the Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration.

[*Editor's Note: For above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.*]

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**QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER**

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**Hon. Yvon Pinard (President of the Privy Council):** I ask, Madam Speaker, that all questions be allowed to stand, and Monday we shall try to answer as many questions as possible.

**Madam Speaker:** Shall the questions on the Order Paper be allowed to stand?

[*English*]

**Mr. Nielsen:** Madam Speaker, if I can get the attention of the government House leader, I have the list of the questions

being answered, if the government House leader would like to read them into the record today.

**Mr. Pinard:** Madam Speaker, my colleague is fortunate to have the list. That shows how courteous we are. I do not have a list myself. That is why I have asked permission to give those answers on Monday.

[*Translation*]

**Madam Speaker:** Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

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## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[*English*]**CO-OPERATIVE ENERGY ACT**

MEASURE TO ESTABLISH THE CO-OPERATIVE ENERGY CORPORATION AND THE CO-OPERATIVE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources)** moved that Bill C-116, to establish the Co-operative Energy Corporation and the Co-operative Energy Development Corporation, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works.

He said: Madam Speaker, Bill C-116, an act to establish the Co-operative Energy Corporation and the Co-operative Energy Development Corporation, is another step toward the achievement of the goals of the National Energy Program. It will enable the Government of Canada to participate in a joint venture with an association of co-operative marketing and financial institutions. It will provide a new source of funds to the petroleum industry, new investment opportunities to individual Canadians and an increase in the share of the oil and gas industry that is owned by Canadians. The joint venture will be called Co-Enerco.

As all members of this House are aware, the capital requirements of the petroleum industry in Canada over the next decade will reach unprecedented levels. The Government of Canada is committed in the National Energy Program, to increasing the share of the industry that is Canadian-owned.

Co-operative organizations, with nine million members and an estimated \$45 billion in assets, represent a significant new source of capital. In the past, co-ops have had little participation in oil and gas investments, although there has been some involvement in refining and sales. With the new financial and fiscal regime introduced in legislation, particularly the petroleum incentives program now before the Senate, and