

That in the long term is of enduring interest and importance to the country.

Mr. Barrett: The other panels will be worthless, and you know it.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*English*]

PETITIONS

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Government House Leader): Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36(8), I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the government responses to several petitions.

[*Editor's Note: See today's Votes and Proceedings.*]

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BROADCASTING

CANADIAN PARLIAMENTARY CHANNEL

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Government House Leader): Madam Speaker, there have been consultations with the three parties and I believe that you will find unanimous consent for the following motion: I move:

That this House support the principle of the Canadian Parliamentary Channel proposal as presented to the Standing Committee on Elections, Privileges, Procedure and Private Members' Business by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and the Canadian cable television industry, on the understanding that CPAC will broadcast the proceedings of the House of Commons, as well as any other proceedings that are provided to it by the House.

Mr. Boudria: Madam Speaker, I know there have been consultations but as of late yesterday afternoon, the parliamentary secretary had undertaken to consult with one of my colleagues, the member for Kingston and the Islands, with regard to the exact wording. My information is that that consultation has not yet happened.

Perhaps in the spirit of co-operation we could undertake that such consultation take place now and notwithstanding anything else, we could give our unanimous consent for the introduction some time later during the day. Perhaps that would be the best policy. Maybe the

Routine Proceedings

parliamentary secretary could revoke that motion now and reintroduce it a little later today.

Mr. Cooper: Madam Speaker, I beg to differ with the hon. member. There were consultations with their membership yesterday. If there is some confusion on their side, fine. We can set the motion aside for now.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Cooper: Madam Speaker, I have another motion for which I believe there is unanimous consent.

There were discussions concerning the first Monday that we return. Because of some of the problems with the normal provisions for Private Members' Business beginning at one o'clock and we are not able to proceed with Private Members' Business on a budget day, it leaves a gap. Therefore, I move the following motion:

That, notwithstanding any Standing Order, on Monday, March 5, 1990, the House meet at 1.00 o'clock p.m. for resuming debate on the budget.

Mr. Angus: Madam Speaker, I wish to confirm that there have been some discussions with regard to this particular motion. We do concur. We think an additional hour of debate on the budget would be a most appropriate activity for this House to pursue.

Mr. Milliken: Madam Speaker, we quite agree. We are glad to see the change of heart on the part of the New Democratic Party.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): I take it for granted that the hon. parliamentary secretary had unanimous consent to move that motion.

The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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[*Translation*]

PETITIONS

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Hon. André Ouellet (Papineau—Saint-Michel): Madam Speaker, today I would like to table a number of petitions for several thousand people from my constituency of Papineau—Saint-Michel. These people are firmly opposed to the new goods and services tax proposed by the Conservative government. I also want to refer to the requests made by Mr. André Corneau, president of the