

crucial to maintaining the livelihood of so many of my constituents.

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### INCOME TAX CONVENTIONS

#### MEASURE TO IMPLEMENT

**Hon. Walter Baker (for the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans)** moved the first reading of Bill S-4 (from the Senate), to implement conventions between Canada and Spain, Canada and the Republic of Liberia, Canada and the Republic of Austria, Canada and Italy, Canada and the Republic of Korea, Canada and the Socialist Republic of Romania and Canada and the Republic of Indonesia and agreements between Canada and Malaysia and Canada and Jamaica.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

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### BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

**Mr. MacEachen:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order having to do with business of the House. We completed yesterday the reference to the standing committee of the problems of the handicapped, and last night we gave second reading to the freedom of information bill, which is a major contribution to facilitating the government's legislative program.

This afternoon we have three references to committees scheduled for discussion. While my assessment may prove to be inaccurate, as it rarely does, I would, however, indicate that probably we can clear those references, at least on this side, this afternoon. If that is the case, it would be helpful if the President of the Privy Council could indicate what we might take if there is time left today, and particularly on Monday. I do not ask him to reply definitively now, but it would be useful if we could have some indication during the lunch break so that we can get things organized for later in the day and early next week.

**Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton):** Mr. Speaker, I think that would be appropriate.

I never cease to be amazed at the change of atmosphere that can occur in a party that is leaderless and policyless at the moment, but I must say I do appreciate that change of attitude that has suddenly evinced itself and I think it is a reasonable request. I will certainly get to the hon. gentleman during the noon hour.

**Mr. MacEachen:** Mr. Speaker, I want to tell him that in the space of five seconds I have changed my assessment.

### Order Paper Questions

[Translation]

### QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**Mr. David Kilgour (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 22, 309, 452, 532 and 640.

I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

[Text]

#### TREASURY BOARD—CLASSIFICATION AND JOB DESCRIPTIONS

##### Question No. 22—**Mr. Orlikow:**

1. During the past five years, by department and agency, how many (a) positions were found to be over-classified and/or underclassified (b) job descriptions were found to be incorrect by Treasury Board classification audits?

2. (a) What are the procedures to ensure that the recommendations of the Treasury Board classification audits are either implemented or the failure to implement justified (b) is there a deadline for such implementations or justifications?

##### **Hon. Sinclair Stevens (President of Treasury Board):**

1. (a) and (b) From January, 1974, until the end of September, 1979, Treasury Board Classification Audits of 7,526 positions were conducted. Of these, 1,377 (18.3 per cent) were found to be overclassified; 170 (2.3 per cent) were found to be underclassified and 1,287 (17.1 per cent) job descriptions were found to be incorrect. An incorrect job description does not necessarily result in a misclassification of the position.

	Over	Under	Job Description Incorrect
Agriculture Canada	81	10	49
Auditor General	6	1	3
Employment and Immigration Canada	60	3	68
Canada Labour Relations Board	1	—	1
Canadian International Development Agency	16	—	17
Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission	18	1	14
Canadian Transport Commission	4	2	6
Chief Electoral Officer	5	—	—
Department of Communications Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada	30	—	41
Energy, Mines and Resources Canada	36	—	19
Environment Canada	27	9	32
External Affairs Canada	78	9	38
Department of Finance Canada	13	—	20
Governor General	7	1	14
Health and Welfare Canada	—	—	1
Immigration Appeal Board	37	8	49
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada	2	—	9
Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce	81	5	55
Department of Insurance	21	3	21
Information Canada	1	—	1
Department of Justice	—	—	1
Labour Canada	5	—	12
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