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[Translation]

Motions Nos. 17, 19, 21, 22, 23 and 25 will be grouped for debate and voted upon separately.

Motion No. 20, in accordance with paragraph 3 of Citation 773 of Beauchesne's Fifth edition, is out of order.

Motions Nos. 24, 33, 42 and 82 will be grouped for debate. A vote on Motion No. 24 will also apply to Motions Nos. 33, 42 and 82.

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[English]

Motions Nos. 28 and 29 infringe upon the financial prerogative of the Crown since the creation of such a commission or an inquiry board would require the expenditure or disbursement of public funds, and I refer Hon. Members to Citations 540 and 773(7) of Beauchesne's Fifth Edition. Thus, these motions in amendment are out of order.

Motion No. 31 is in order and will be debated and voted on separately. Motions Nos. 30, 32, 38, 41, 43, 44, 50, 56, and 58 are in order and will be grouped together for debate. A vote on Motion No. 30 will also apply to Motions Nos. 30 to 38, 41, 43, 44, 50, 56, and 58.

Motion No. 36 causes the Chair concern because of its notwithstanding provision which regard to the right to require performance commitments from auto makers. It appears that the purpose of this motion is to ensure that Canada can set its own rules, regardless of any commitment under the agreement. Since the purpose of this Bill is to implement the agreement and Chapter Ten incorporates trade in automotive goods, I must rule the motion out of order.

[Translation]

I have serious reservations with respect to Motions Nos. 37 and 49A for two reasons. Motion No. 37 does not fit under part II, "Procurement Review Board", and the intent is to amend the Agreement. I would also refer Hon. Members to the reasons given in earlier Motion No. 3 out of order. Motion No. 49A is also an attempt to amend the Agreement. For the above reasons, I must rule the Motions out of order.

Motions Nos. 39 and 93 are in order and will be grouped for debate and a vote on 39 will apply to Motion No. 93.

[English]

I have reservations with regard to Motion No. 40. The Hon. Member is attempting to change the definition of a panel as set out in Annex 1901.2 in the agreement. All such panels are clearly stated to be binational. Therefore, Motion No. 40 is out of order.

Motions Nos. 45, 46, 47 and 48 under Part III, amendments to the Special Import Measures Act, will be grouped together for debate. A vote on Motion No. 45 will also apply to Motions Nos. 46, 47, and 48.

Motion No. 49 is in order. It will be debated and voted upon separately.

[Translation]

Motions Nos. 51, 80, 90 and 91 are in order and will be grouped together for debate. A vote on Motion No. 51 will also apply to Motion No. 80 and a vote on Motion No. 90 will apply to Motion No. 91.

Motions Nos. 52 and 70 are in order and will be grouped for debate. A vote on Motion No. 52 will also apply to Motion No. 70

Motions Nos. 53, 54 and 55 under Part IV, "Related and Consequential Amendments to Implement the Agreement", are in order and will be grouped together for debate but voted upon separately.

Motions Nos. 57, 59 and 60 are in order and will be grouped for debate and voted on separately.

[English]

Motions Nos. 62 and 63 are in order and will be grouped for debate and voted upon separately. Motion No. 64 is out of order because it attempts to amend the agreement. I refer Hon. Members to the many citations I have quoted earlier in this regard.

The Chair has some misgivings with respect to Motion No. 66. The intent of this motion is to reserve to the Governor in Council the power to make certain orders more than once within a stipulated period. However, the agreement specifies that each party shall exercise such powers no more than once within that period. Since the Hon. Member is being permissive in his motion, I am going to give him the benefit of the doubt and allow the motion. It will be debated and voted upon separately.

[Translation]

Motions Nos. 67 and 68 will be grouped together for debate and will be voted upon separately.

Motion No. 69 causes the Chair concern because of its notwithstanding provision with regard to Canada's right to exercise certain powers. It appears that the purpose of this motion is to ensure that Canada can continue to set its own rules in these matters regardless of any commitment under the Agreement. Since the purpose of the Bill is to implement the Agreement, I must rule the motion out of order.

Motions Nos. 71 and 72 are in order and will be debated separately and voted on separately.

[English]

Motions Nos. 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, and 79 will be grouped together for debate and will be voted upon separately. Motions Nos. 81, 83, and 84 are in order and will be grouped together for debate. A vote on Motion No. 81 will apply to Motion No. 83, but Motion No. 84 will be voted upon separately.

Motions Nos. 85, 86, and 87 will be grouped together for debate. A vote on Motion No. 86 will also apply to Motion No. 87. An affirmative vote on Motions Nos. 86 and 87 will obviate the need for a vote on Motion No. 85, but a negative