

*Committee Reports***CANADA PENSION PLAN**

AMENDMENT RESPECTING SURVIVOR'S PENSION

Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-250, an Act to amend the Canada Pension Plan (survivor's pension).

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Rodriguez: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this Bill is to amend the Canada Pension Plan Act to remove the discrimination on the basis of age which presently exists with respect to survivors. If the survivor is under the age of 35, he or she is ineligible to collect the survivor's benefits under the Canada Pension Plan Act. This Bill of mine would remove that discriminatory provision.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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LOBBYISTS REGISTRATION ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-251, an Act to register lobbyists.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Rodriguez: Mr. Speaker, this Bill is to provide for the registration of lobbyists. The Bill clearly states that the people of Canada are entitled to know who is doing what to whom and for how much. It is most apropos at this particular time in our political history.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Speaker: It has been brought to the attention of the Chair that there is a committee report to be introduced this morning and, with the consent of the Chamber, I would like to recognize the Hon. Member for York Centre (Mr. Kaplan).

REGULATIONS AND OTHER STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

PRESENTATION OF THIRD REPORT OF STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE

Hon. Bob Kaplan (York Centre): I thank you and my colleagues for the consent, Mr. Speaker.

I have the honour to present the third report of the Standing Joint Committee on Regulations and Other Statutory Instruments in both official languages. This report contains a proposed motion pursuant to Standing Order 44 to revoke the fruit, vegetables and honey regulations, Chapter 875 of the Consolidated Regulations of Canada, a copy of which is attached.

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

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[*Translation*]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I ask that all questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[*Translation*]

THE BUDGET

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE MINISTER OF FINANCE

The House resumed from Wednesday, February 18, consideration of the motion of Mr. Wilson (Etobicoke Centre) that this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government.

Mr. Raymond Garneau (Laval-des-Rapides): Mr. Speaker, yesterday, in the few minutes following the financial statement of the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson), I was able to make some initial comments which I may recall for the benefit of the Members of this House.

First of all, I felt this was a statement without vision, a Budget that failed to address any of the real problems which Canadians have to face, especially in our various regions, and that contained no forecasts and no plan of action. The Budget brought down yesterday did not tell us how the Department of Finance, the Minister of Finance and the Government expects the Government's expenditures and revenues to evolve in the years to come. I also said that because of this, yesterday's exercise was an exercise in futility and that the Minister