

Therefore, the three bills which I feel are most urgent are those which I have just mentioned for this week, and next week if it is possible we shall look into the banking legislation.

[English]

Mr. Knowles: Madam Speaker, I should just like to be sure with respect to the order of the first three bills. The order as the minister has just given varies slightly, according to my notes, from what we were told at a meeting a day or two ago. We were told then that the first item would be the bill on immigration, that the second would be the bill with respect to the employment tax credit and that the third would have to do with small business. I take it the minister has altered that order slightly. It is now first, immigration, second, small business, and third, employment tax credit.

Mr. Pinard: It is correct that I have just said that. The reason is that the bill concerning the employment tax credit cannot be introduced in the House before this debate is interrupted. Consequently it will be introduced tomorrow for first reading. I would need unanimous consent to proceed with the second reading of that bill tomorrow if we have finished dealing with Bill C-2. So what I told the hon. member still stands. If possible, it will be Bill C-2, the employment tax credit, and then the small business loans bill. But it may happen that we have to deal with small business loans if tomorrow, by any chance, we have finished with Bill C-2. If the hon. member wishes a further explanation, I am available.

Mr. Knowles: The more things change, the more they are the same!

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MAIN ESTIMATES, 1979-80

TABLING OF REPORT RESPECTING MAIN AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES (A) AND (B)

Hon. Donald J. Johnston (President of the Treasury Board): By leave I should like to table a report to the House of Commons covering the 1979-80 main estimates, supplementary estimates (A) and (B) and further supplementary estimates in order to complete the fiscal year 1979-80. This report shows how each of the items to be voted in these estimates were financed by appropriation acts, Treasury Board contingencies vote and special Governor General's warrant. Since some items were paid under the authority of a special warrant, specific reference to this effect will be included in the next appropriation bill.

Mr. Stevens: Madam Speaker, in this connection I was wondering whether the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. Johnston) would confirm that he intends to make a statement on motions later this afternoon touching on what he is now tabling. I might say, also, that I should like to reserve for further consideration a question of privilege having to do with what is being tabled, especially in the context of the statement which was read to the House last night by the Minister of Finance (Mr. MacEachen).

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Mr. Johnston: I shall be making a statement later this afternoon, Madam Speaker.

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[Translation]

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION ACT

TABLING OF REPORT INDICATING SPECIAL WARRANTS ISSUED AFTER DISSOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT

Hon. Donald J. Johnston (President of the Treasury Board): Madam Speaker, with your permission, I would like to table in the House of Commons a report indicating the special warrants issued under section 23 of the Financial Administration Act after the dissolution of Parliament on December 14, 1979, in accordance with that section and Standing Order 41(2).

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[English]

MAIN ESTIMATES, 1980-81

A message from His Excellency the Governor General transmitting estimates for the financial year ending March 31, 1981, was presented by hon. Donald J. Johnston and read by Madam Speaker to the House.

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[Translation]

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES (A), 1980-81

A message from His Excellency the Governor General transmitting Supplementary Estimates (A) of sums required for the public service of Canada for the financial year ending March 31, 1981 and, pursuant to the provisions of the British North America Act, 1867, recommending those estimates to the House of Commons, was presented by hon. Donald J. Johnston and read by Madam Speaker to the House.

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[English]

STATISTICS CANADA

TABLING OF ORGANIZATION STUDY AND METHODOLOGY REVIEW

● (1600)

Hon. Donald J. Johnston (President of the Treasury Board): Madam Speaker, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 41(2), I wish to table, in both official languages, copies of the Statistics Canada organization study completed by Price Waterhouse Associates in February of 1980 and the Statistics Canada methodology review completed under the responsibility of Sir Claus Moser in March of 1980.