

Mr. Hal Herbert (Vaudreuil) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-689, an Act to change the name of the electoral district of Vaudreuil.

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

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COMBINES INVESTIGATION ACT

AMENDMENT RESPECTING SPORTS FRANCHISES

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon West): Madam Speaker, in the same way, I would like to ask for unanimous consent of the House to present my Bill.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Hnatyshyn moved for leave to introduce Bill C-690, an Act to amend the Combines Investigation Act (sports franchises).

He said: Madam Speaker, I have the honour to introduce a Bill today that would amend the Combines Investigation Act. The House will recall that on May 19, 1983, upon my suggestion, the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs (Mr. Ouellet) instigated an investigation under the Combines Investigation Act of the refusal of the NHL board of governors to transfer the St. Louis Blues to Saskatoon. As a result, the Restricted Trade Practices Commission will hold a hearing on July 12, 1983.

I have had some concerns about the strength of the Combines Investigation Act and its application to the granting, transfer and operation of sport franchises. These subjects have been specifically excluded from the freedom of trade section in the Act. This Bill would correct that problem and thus would hopefully ensure that a professional sports league could not unreasonably restrict the transfer of a franchise, particularly when it is contrary to our national interests.

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

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FINANCE, TRADE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

REFERENCE TO STANDING COMMITTEE RESPECTING TAXATION OF SMALL BUSINESSES

Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, I have three motions about which discussions have taken place with the other Parties in the House and I believe there is unanimous consent to deal with these without debate.

The first relates to small business taxation. It is an order of reference.

Motions

Ordered—That the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs be empowered to review the taxation of small businesses and that the Committee be empowered for this purpose to engage the necessary expert staff to assist in its work.

That it be an instruction to the Committee that it appoint a subcommittee to consider the aforementioned matter and that the subcommittee and members of the subcommittee have the power to adjourn from place to place inside Canada for a period of two weeks and to travel outside Canada for a period of one week; and that this travel be only on days when the House is not sitting.

Motion agreed to.

REFERENCE TO STANDING COMMITTEE RESPECTING STATUS OF FOREIGN BANK SUBSIDIARIES

Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, the next motion relates to the status of foreign bank subsidiaries and it is also an order of reference.

Ordered,—That the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs be empowered to review the report to Parliament dated May 31, 1983, prepared by the Inspector General of Banks and entitled "The Status of Foreign Bank Subsidiaries" and to include in its report the Committee's views as to whether or not conditions have changed sufficiently since the present Bank Act came into effect to warrant an increase in the eight per cent ceiling specified in subsection 302(7) of the Bank Act and, if appropriate, the extent of the increase proposed.

That the Committee be empowered for this purpose to engage the necessary expert staff to assist in its work.

Motion agreed to.

REFERENCE TO STANDING COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS MOTIONS

Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, I also have a motion which relates to Ways and Means motions and is an order of reference.

Ordered—That the Ways and Means motion to amend the Income Tax Act and the Income Tax Application Rules, 1971, tabled in the House on April 19, 1983, be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs, and that the Committee shall report its findings not later than September 30, 1983; provided that, if the House is not sitting when the report has been completed, the report may be deposited with the Clerk of the House and shall thereupon be deemed to have been laid upon the Table.

Motion agreed to.

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TRANSPORT

CONCURRENCE IN SIXTEENTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Maurice A. Dionne (Northumberland-Miramichi): Madam Speaker, I should like to move that the sixteenth