

• (1730)

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): I declare the motion carried.

Bill read the second time and referred to a legislative committee.

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WAYS AND MEANS

TABLING OF NOTICE OF MOTION

Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada): Madam Speaker, pursuant to the tabling of several Ways and Means motions earlier today by the Minister of Finance that relate to the goods and services tax, I would ask that an Order of the Day be designated for each.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Cooper: Madam Speaker, I believe you will find there is unanimous consent to proceed with Bill C-31 at this point, and that we will deal with all stages, that the government will introduce four amendments to that bill and that it will pass on division.

Any time taken from the normal private members' hour to deal with Bill C-31 will be added to the regular time to make sure that private members' hour does have the full hour and that time would then be followed by the usual "late show".

I would also like to ask if the House would give their consent to allow us to release our Pages at this time, because I understand they have a much deserved Christmas party tonight and none of us would want them to be late for that.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): The House has heard the suggestion made by the hon. parliamentary secretary. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): Shall we all wish our Pages a nice night?

Some hon. members: Hear, hear!

Government Orders

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Right Hon. Joe Clark (for the President of the Privy Council) moved that Bill C-31, an act to amend the Governor General's Act be read the second time, and by unanimous consent, referred to a Committee of the Whole.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Some hon. members: On division.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and, by unanimous consent, the House went into committee thereon, Mrs. Champagne in the chair.

On Clause 1—

Mr. Cooper: Madam Chairman, I move:

That Clause 1 of Bill C-31 be amended by striking out lines 9 and 10 on page 1 and substituting the following:

"Governor General for the 12 month period beginning on January 1, 1989 a salary of \$83,800."

The Assistant Deputy Chairman: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the amendment?

Mr. Boudria: Madam Chairman, perhaps if we could get the attention of the House it would be a little easier to continue with the bill.

This amendment changes the amount of the bill and the Chair will have to enlighten me. Because we are increasing the amount as opposed to merely changing the retroactivity clause, does this amendment require a royal recommendation and, if so, does the Chair have that?

The Assistant Deputy Chairman: I think that, by rereading both the bill and the amendment proposed by the parliamentary secretary, the member will realize that no, it does not need the royal recommendation as we are talking about less money than was originally in the bill.

Mr. Boudria: Madam Chairman, I agree but perhaps for a slightly different reason.