

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, March 29, 1974

The House met at 11 a.m.

[English]

VETERANS LAND ACT

CONSIDERATION BY SENATE OF BILL EXTENDING EXPIRY
DEADLINE

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Yesterday members of all parties in this House gave unanimous consent wherever it was necessary and co-operated thoroughly so that Bill C-17 could be passed through all its stages. Bill C-17 is the bill that extends the Veterans Land Act which otherwise would expire, or at least certain of its provisions would expire, on March 31.

I think it is generally understood that one of the reasons for yesterday's co-operation was so that this bill could be dealt with in the other place, finally passed and given Royal Assent before March 31. I have discovered this morning, Sir, that the Senate adjourned yesterday afternoon until eight o'clock Tuesday evening.

Some hon. Members: Shame!

Mr. Paproski: Abolish the Senate.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): I realize, Sir, that this House has no control over the other place unless we take the suggestion of my good friend from Edmonton Centre. However, the leader of the Senate is a member of the cabinet and therefore I believe it would be the will of this House to call upon the government to suggest to the leader of the government in the other place that that House should meet today or on Monday to deal with this legislation. I realize that no veteran will lose a grant because of this delay of two or three days, but the Senate knew the Veterans Land Act was coming to it—it is on the record—and its action is an insult not only to the members of this House but to the veterans of Canada.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

INCOME TAX

TABLING OF INTERIM REPORT OF TAX MEASURES REVIEW
COMMITTEE

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 41(2) and in accordance with my undertaking given to the House on February 19 and May 29, 1973, I wish to table the

interim report of the Tax Measures Review Committee in both official languages.

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FISHERIES

NOVA SCOTIA INSHORE LOBSTER FISHERY—REQUEST FOR
UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I rise pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43 to seek the consent of the House to move a motion in a case of urgent and pressing necessity arising from the revelation yesterday that in fact there had been a study by the government of the lobster fishery in Nova Scotia and a report presented to the Department of Fisheries about the middle of last year which has not yet seen the light of day. I would therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands (Mr. Douglas):

That this House calls upon the government forthwith to table the report arising out of the study made, as a result of the commitment by the Prime Minister in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, in July, 1971, into the relationship between the deep sea and the inshore lobster fishery in Nova Scotia.

Mr. Speaker: This motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimity?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity.

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VETERANS AFFAIRS

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PARTICIPATION BY CANADIAN
DELEGATION IN CEREMONIES COMMEMORATING THIRTIETH
ANNIVERSARY OF NORMANDY LANDINGS

Hon. Daniel J. MacDonald (Minister of Veterans Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to announce that an official Canadian delegation will participate in the events in France this June commemorating the thirtieth anniversary of the Normandy landings. The ceremonies, organized by the Comité du Débarquement, have the approval and the support of the government of France.

The Canadian delegation will be headed by myself and the ambassador to France, the Hon. Léo Cadieux. It will include representatives of parliament, the armed forces, senior D-Day commanders, representatives of veterans organizations, and D-Day survivors from all the participating army units and from the Royal Canadian Navy and Royal Canadian Air Force.