

Tabling of Document

Therefore, as in previous cases, my decision not to proceed with the setting aside of time for debate pursuant to Standing Order 26 at this particular time is entirely without prejudice to hon. members to raise the matter again if the efforts of the Administrator are in fact not successful and the matter remains with us after the efforts of the administrator have run their normal course. In the meantime I have indicated that, because of the rather difficult jurisdictional problem, I will pursue that subject and seek the advice of the House leaders and consultation with them, and in turn the advice of and consultation with any other hon. members who are interested in expressing themselves to me on the subject of jurisdiction.

Mr. Broadbent: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, I would appreciate it, and I suspect certain other members of the House would, if you would clarify certain parts of your remarks. You suggested at one point that you would welcome advice or opinion from the party House leaders and other interested members of the House on the issue you raised in connection with jurisdiction. I had understood when you said that that you expected those views to be expressed publicly here in the House. I would appreciate Your Honour clarifying that.

Mr. Speaker: I would ordinarily welcome the expression of such views in the House for the benefit of the public record. The fact of the matter is that Standing Order 26 was amended, along with a number of other Standing Orders, in the last major revision of the rules so as to eliminate that kind of debate. What in fact took place under the previous Standing Orders was that what was intended to be a debate on the question of whether or not a subject should be debated pursuant to Standing Order 26 turned out, of course, to be a debate on the substance as opposed to the procedure.

In the revision the House, in its wisdom, deemed it appropriate to eliminate that kind of debate. Therefore it is not possible to have such discussion on the public record now, as much as I would take some considerable benefit from that. I am therefore inviting hon. members to communicate with me privately if they have any points of view respecting the jurisdictional matter.

Mr. Broadbent: Mr. Speaker, may I ask a final question on the same point of order. I understand Your Honour is ruling against the acceptability of the motion at this time, or are you simply postponing your decision?

Mr. Speaker: Again the provisions of the Standing Order indicate that the Chair ought, if in fact it is not required, to delay no more than 24 hours in making a decision. Therefore I am indicating that because of the presence of the Administrator and the fact that he has a job to do which is just beginning, debate is not appropriate at this time. However, I leave open the right of hon. members to re-raise the question at a later time if in fact the efforts of the Administrator prove unsuccessful.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I have a different point of order to raise having to do with a confusing situation that arose during the last two days concerning a document that the Minister of National Defence (Mr. Richardson) tabled. Yesterday's *Hansard* would certainly leave doubt in anyone's mind as to what actually happened.

[Mr. Speaker.]

The minister stated that he had tabled a document, and I have been looking for it. I would like to point out to Your Honour that yesterday morning I asked sessional papers for a copy of the document tabled and they said that they did not have it. Yesterday at 2 p.m. I asked the House officer whether he had seen the document that had been tabled, and he said that it had not been tabled. I therefore asked a question as a point of order concerning that.

It appears that the unthinkable happened yesterday and that the document that the minister handed to a page never arrived at the table, that it went instead to the *Hansard* reporter and took several hours to get back down here. I would not want left on the record the possible implication that the minister had not in fact tabled the document that he said he had tabled.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I certainly thank the hon. member for Victoria (Mr. McKinnon) for raising the point of order; I had intended to make a comment about it. Our information is exactly as the hon. member for Victoria has described. In the course of his remarks the minister made clear his intention to table the document, handed it to a page, who mistakenly took it to the *Hansard* office instead of taking it to the Table, under the impression, I suppose, that it was to be printed as an appendix as opposed to being tabled. The minister was under the very clear impression that he had tabled the document, though in fact the Table had not received it. That is the reason for the confusion.

Votes and Proceedings of February 10, 1976, has indicated by way of a corrigendum that that has taken place, and I certainly welcome the intervention of the hon. member for Victoria in straightening up the record for *Hansard* as well.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

INCOME TAX ACT

REMOVAL OF PROVISIONS ALLOWING DEDUCTION OF EXPENSES FOR ADVERTISING IN NON-CANADIAN PERIODICALS

The House resumed, from Tuesday, February 10, consideration of Bill C-58, the amend the Income Tax Act, as reported (without amendment) from the Standing Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts.

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, last night I was saying that the government can do anything it pleases if the circumstances warrant. In this regard we have seen how it has flip-flopped with respect to wage and price controls and how it has flip-flopped with respect to *Reader's Digest*.

We on this side of the House are attempting to give some due consideration to the sound if not ingenious proposals of the hon. member for Surrey-White Rock (Mr. Friesen) that there be some special circumstances involving KVOS, which is a Canadian subsidiary of a U.S. parent company and which, as I understand it, has contributed some \$76 million to the economic development of this country.