

*Tabling of Documents*

Leader to assure us that there have been no changes to that document, so that we do not have any surprises.

**Mr. Mazankowski:** Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the conciliatory attitude of the Hon. Member. He is always that way, although sometimes he may not appear to be. He is very genuine and I appreciate working with him.

Essentially the statement is the same, but there is a slight deviation which has been discussed with his critic and with the critic from the New Democratic Party. I think he will find it to be consistent with what he hears from the Minister when he makes his statement.

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap):** Mr. Speaker, in the same spirit, we are certainly prepared to co-operate. However, I ask for the indulgence of the House to wait perhaps a moment or two while our critic is making his way to the Chamber. We were standing by, and he decided to slip out for a few moments.

I know the Government House Leader feels that it is in our interest to work and co-operate with each other whenever possible. I simply want to remind him, in the spirit of co-operation, that we are always prepared to do that and always have. I would ask that he take whatever steps necessary to ensure that this co-operation is maintained in other precincts as well.

For example, I hold in my hand Bill C-6, a very complicated and lengthy Bill dealing with petroleum resources offshore Newfoundland. The Bill was before the legislative committee last night. There was an understanding reached by members of the committee that the Bill would be studied beyond yesterday and, as a matter of fact, that they would not sit beyond 5.30 p.m. Shortly after five o'clock the NDP critic left for another engagement, and the member of the Liberal Party left shortly thereafter, with the understanding that it would end at 5.30 p.m. and that deliberations would continue today. However, after the two opposition Members had left the members of the committee decided to extend the hours and complete consideration of Bill C-6 in terms of its evaluation and examination.

It is that type of action which sometimes makes it difficult to co-operate when we have requests for co-operation. If that is the way government Members on that committee see co-operation and working in a positive and co-operative way with opposition Members, then we require some further discussions to ensure that the business of the House is maintained and conducted in the most business-like fashion possible.

**Mr. Mazankowski:** Mr. Speaker, I am sure the Hon. Member knows, as we all know, that the committees are masters of their own house and make their own rules. Whatever agreements they may or may not make are certainly within their purview.

I am not aware of precisely what happened at the committee meeting yesterday to which the Hon. Member referred. I am not aware of any undertakings or understandings which may

or may not have been made. However, I can assure him that I will look into the matter.

I also want to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to the House Leader of the New Democratic Party and to the House Leader of the Liberal Party for their co-operation. It is a give and take business. So far, we have been able to help each other and to work toward dealing with the issues in a manner which behoves us all as representatives of the people and with the respect this institution deserves. I am most grateful to both of them.

**Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West):** Mr. Speaker, the Government House Leader may be technically correct when he says that committees are masters of their own proceedings. However, the reality is that there is a majority on such committees of government supporters. For the Government House Leader to suggest that he is entirely without influence when it comes to government members of committees is something at which we could only smile. I suggest to him that in matters like the one involved in the legislative committee on the offshore Bill last night, he should be anxious to use what influence he has to ensure that there is fair treatment for all concerned. If that is not the case, it is bound to have repercussions in the House.

For example, in respect of the matter about which the Minister responsible for Canada Post will speak shortly, we offered our co-operation when, for reasons not yet explained, he was unable to make his statement during the time ordinarily set aside for such statements by Ministers. We also offered our co-operation in respect of the minor deviation in the text distributed in advance. However, sometimes our patience will have its limits. Therefore I suggest to the Government House Leader that he be not afraid to use his influence in a constructive manner when some of his caucus colleagues, perhaps inadvertently, forget about the elementary requirements of fairness in the proceedings of the House and its committees.

**Mr. Mazankowski:** Mr. Speaker, I should like to make a very short comment in so far as my hon. friend's remarks in respect of the committee yesterday and using my influence are concerned. Even for me it is very difficult to use my influence after the fact.

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## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

### CANADA POST CORPORATION

TABLING OF BUDGETARY PLANS—1986-1987 TO 1990-1991

**Hon. Michel Côté (Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion and Minister responsible for Canada Post):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 67(2) and Section 132(4) of the Financial Administration Act, I have the honour of tabling, in both official languages, copies of the corporate plan of the Canada Post Corporation for the years 1986-91.