

Government Orders

Indian Organizations under an Alternative Funding Arrangement

Edmundston Band

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Miawpukek Band

Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing

Adv Serv **10 Bands**

Rainy River Band

[English]

The Deputy Speaker: The questions enumerated by the parliamentary secretary have been answered.

Mr. Mike Scott (Skeena): I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if I could ask a question of the parliamentary secretary. When might we expect an answer from the government to Question No. 47 which I have had on the *Order Paper* for 47 days now?

Mr. Milliken: Mr. Speaker, I thought it was Question No. 41 and I anticipated having an answer to that one tomorrow. With respect to Question No. 47, I will investigate to find out what particular problems have resulted in the delay in answering the question.

The government has been fairly diligent in its work in preparing answers to these questions, some of which involve a great deal of information. I will see what I can do to provide a response to the hon. member later this week.

The Deputy Speaker: Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

• (1540)

[Translation]

EXCISE TAX ACT

The House proceeded to the consideration of Bill C-32, an Act to amend the Excise Tax Act, the Excise Act and the Income Tax Act, as reported (without amendment) from the committee.

SPEAKER'S RULING

The Deputy Speaker: There are three motions in amendment on the Notice Paper at report stage of Bill C-32, an act to amend the Excise Tax Act, the Excise Act and the Income Tax Act.

[English]

Motions Nos. 1, 2 and 3 will be grouped for debate and a vote on Motion No. 1 will apply to Motions Nos. 2 and 3.

[Translation]

I will now put Motions Nos. 1, 2 and 3 to the House.

MOTIONS IN AMENDMENT

Mr. Pierre Brien (Témiscamingue) moved:

Motion No. 1

That Bill C-32 be amended by deleting Clause 2.

Motion No. 2

That Bill C-32 be amended by deleting Clause 3.

Motion No. 3

That Bill C-32 be amended by deleting Clause 4.

He said: Mr. Speaker, we have decided to table amendments to Bill C-32 and I will briefly explain why. Then my colleagues will make additional comments.

First, we must put Bill C-32, which is entitled an act to amend the Excise Tax Act, the Excise Act and the Income Tax Act, in its proper context. Originally, the purpose of this legislation was to implement the federal action plan on tobacco smuggling, as well as changes proposed to the tax structure by the government, this past January or February.

However, clauses 2, 3 and 4 of that bill include measures which affect air transportation and result from the last federal budget. These clauses provide that, on flights with a ticket price of more than \$500, the total tax amount, which is currently \$40, will progressively increase to \$50. However, for tickets costing \$700 and more, the tax payable will now be \$50.

We feel that this is totally unacceptable, given that most remote areas were very affected by the deregulation in the air transportation sector. Considering the current cost of airline tickets to these regions, it seems totally unacceptable to