Supplementary Estimates

Mr. Stevens: On a point of order, Madam Speaker. I was wondering if the President of the Treasury Board could indicate if he intends to make a statement with respect to the supplementary estimates which have just been tabled.

Mr. Pinard: That is not the practice, no.

Mr. Johnston: No, Madam Speaker. There is no lock-up and no statement with respect to these supplementary estimates.

Hon. Yvon Pinard (President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Orders 58(15) and 59, I move:

That the Supplementary Estimates (C), 1980-81, tabled this day, be referred to the several standing committees of the House as follows:

Madam Speaker, since this is a very long motion which has been shown to the other House leaders, and which merely follows the allocations made with the Main Estimates and the previous Supplementary Estimates, may I suggest that Your Honour put the question as if it had been read?

Madam Speaker: Is that agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Editor's Note: List referred to above is as follows:]

To the Standing Committee on Agriculture

Agriculture Votes 5c, 20c, 25c and 50c

To the Standing Committee on Communications and Culture

Secretary of State Votes 15c, 20c, 30c, 35c, 45c, 55c, 70c, L76c, 85c, 90c and 100c

To the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence
External Affairs Votes 10c, L17c, 20c, 25c, L30c, L40c and L45c
National Defence Vote 10c

To the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs
Finance Votes 1c. 17c and L18c

Industry, Trade and Commerce Votes 1c, 7c, 8c, 10c, 20c, 25c, L32c, 56c and

National Revenue Votes 1c and 5c

To the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Forestry

Environment Votes 5c, 15c and 25c

Fisheries and Oceans Votes 1c and 5c

To the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs
National Health and Welfare Votes 1c, 15c, 25c and 30c

To the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development Indian Affairs and Northern Development Votes 1c, 15c, 20c, 30c, L35c,

L56c and 61c

To the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs
Justice Vote 1c

Solicitor General Vote 5c

To the Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration Employment and Immigration Votes 1c, 5c, 20c and 25c

Labour Votes 1c, 5c and 10c

To the Standing Committee on Management and Members Services
Parliament Vote 5c

To the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates

Governor General Vote 1c

Parliament Votes 1c and 10c

Privy Council Votes 5c and 15c

Supply and Services Vote 5c

To the Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works

Energy, Mines and Resources Votes 5c, 15c, 50c, 65c, 70c and L107c

Public Works Votes 5c, 10c, 20c, 25c and 40c

To the Standing Committee on Regional Development

Regional Economic Expansion Votes 1c, 10c, 45c and 50c

To the Standing Committee on Transport

Transport Votes 10c, 15c, 36c, 65c, 70c, 75c and 92c

Mr. Stevens: Madam Speaker-

Madam Speaker: Is the hon. member for York-Peel rising on a point of order?

Mr. Stevens: No, Madam Speaker. I am rising to speak on the motion. The reason I wanted to speak on the motion is that we have not seen the Supplementary Estimates today. Unfortunately, that is due to the fact that we had no lock-up, that we had no previous opportunity—

Mr. Knowles: On a point of order, Madam Speaker. Is the hon, member not aware of Standing Order 59 which says—

Mr. Stevens: We have a Speaker's ruling. She is hearing me.

Mr. Knowles: The standing order says this should be decided without amendment or debate.

Mr. Stevens: No. I have been recognized.

Madam Speaker: The hon. member sought the floor on a point of order. The hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre is probably quicker than I to recognize that the hon. member was debating. If he is debating I am afraid I cannot hear him.

Mr. Knowles: He said he was not on a point of order, that he wanted to speak to the motion.

Madam Speaker: Is the hon. member for York-Peel now rising on a point of order?

Mr. Stevens: Yes, Madam Speaker. My point is that if we review the motion which is now before the House proposing that various things be referred to standing committees, the one item which is not referred to is the Treasury Board estimates, because presumably there are no Supplementary Estimates (C) touching on the Treasury Board. I think this is most unfortunate because it will mean that we have no opportunity now to question the minister. He has declined to make a statement in the House. Presumably these are the last estimates he will be tabling with respect to spending for 1981.

The thrust of my point of order is simply to request if the government, through the House leader or perhaps through the President of the Treasury Board, would consider having a special reference made, for example, to the Miscellaneous Estimates Committee of his Main Estimates so that we could have a final, if you like, discussion and inquiry with him in respect of the 1981 fiscal year estimates.