

PUBLIC SERVICE

TABLING OF TOMENSON-ALEXANDER STUDY OF PUBLIC SERVICE PENSIONS

Hon. Robert K. Andras (President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 41(2) I wish to table in both official languages a study of public service pensions conducted by Tomenson-Alexander and Associates.

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Mr. McIsaac: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. There have been discussions through the usual channels about the fact that the statement that is about to be made by the hon. minister, and perhaps the comments, responses and questions will certainly run us into the private members' hour. I believe it is generally understood that we would agree to that, and perhaps approaching six o'clock we could deal with Bill C-1001. We could proceed with that following the statement of the President of the Treasury Board.

Mr. Speaker: Is that agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, so that we could clear up some of the other matters, would it be possible for us to change our proceedings a bit? I know that my friend wants to put two motions standing on the order paper in the name of the Deputy Prime Minister, and we are prepared to deal with those very quickly. Perhaps we could get them out of the way and then we can deal with the minister's statement.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The sensible solution might very well be, in the circumstances, to try to finalize routine proceedings and leave outstanding the statement on motions and orders of the day only. That would enable us to do that, and I hope we can move to do that with dispatch in a few minutes. We could then get to the minister's statement, and that would leave only his statement and the responses and questions, and then orders of the day later. Whatever is left of the private members' hour before six o'clock could be used, of course, in the way described. Is it agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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INCOME TAX

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS TO AVOID DOUBLE TAXATION

Hon. Robert K. Andras (for the Minister of Finance) moved the first reading of Bill S-9 (from the Senate), to implement an agreement between Canada and Malaysia and conventions between Canada and Spain, Canada and Liberia, Canada and Austria and Canada and Italy for the avoidance of double taxation with respect to income tax.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

Order Paper Questions

HOUSE OF COMMONS

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE TO REVIEW RIGHTS AND IMMUNITIES OF MEMBERS

Hon. Robert K. Andras (for the Deputy Prime Minister and President of Privy Council) moved:

That a Special Committee of the House, to consist of Mr. Speaker and seven other Members, be appointed to review the rights and immunities of Members of the House of Commons, to examine the procedures by which such matters are dealt with by the House, and to report on any changes it may be desirable to make;

That the Committee have power to appoint, from among its members, sub-committees, as it may deem advisable or necessary;

That the Committee have power to sit during sittings and adjournments of the House of Commons;

That the Committee have power to report from time to time, to send for persons, papers and records, and to print such papers and evidence from day to day as may be ordered by the Committee;

That the papers and evidence received and taken on the subject in the First and Second Sessions of the Thirtieth Parliament be referred to the Committee; and

That the Members to act with Mr. Speaker on the said Special Committee be Messrs. Baker (Grenville-Carleton), Baldwin, Beaudoin, Gray, Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre), Prud'homme and Reid.

Motion agreed to.

EASTER RECESS

Hon. Robert K. Andras (for the Deputy Prime Minister and President of Privy Council) moved:

That when the House adjourns on Wednesday, March 22, 1978, it shall stand adjourned until Monday, April 3, 1978, provided that at any time prior to that date, if it appears to the satisfaction of Mr. Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time during the adjournment, Mr. Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied, and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice, and shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time; and

That, in the event of Mr. Speaker's being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, the Deputy Speaker or the Deputy Chairman of Committees shall act in his stead for all purposes of this order.

Motion agreed to.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Roger Young (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 498, 882, 1,114, 1,194, 1,197, 1,208 and 1,272.

[Text]

DEPARTMENT OF SECRETARY OF STATE—DIRECTOR OF EVALUATION

Question No. 498—Mr. Herbert:

1. What are the terms of reference of the Director of Evaluation in the Department of the Secretary of State?
2. How many personnel are employed in the offices under his control and what are their categories?