Senate Reform

PUBLIC SERVICE

MEASURE RESPECTING STANDARDIZATION OF THE METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OF SENIOR OFFICERS

Mr. Stan Schellenberger (Wetaskiwin) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-681, an Act respecting the appointment of deputy, associate deputy and assistant deputy ministers.

Some Hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Schellenberger: Madam Speaker, the purpose of this Bill is to standardize the method of appointment and tenure of senior officers of the Public Service and to tie their appointments to the duration of a Parliament. The Public Service would thereby be more accountable to the Government of the day and to the electorate.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

CRIMINAL CODE

AMENDMENT RESPECTING ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF CRIME

Mr. David Kilgour (Edmonton-Strathcona) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-682, an Act to amend the Criminal Code (victims of crime).

Some Hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Kilgour: Madam Speaker, this is a Bill based upon the premise that victims are far too often the forgotten people in our criminal justice system. It has two parts. The first part would authorize criminal courts to award damages to victims who suffer physical or mental injuries as a result of crimes. The second part would require the Solicitor General of Canada (Mr. Kaplan) and the Minister of Justice (Mr. MacGuigan) to undertake a study with their provincial counterparts within a stated period of time to bring in a whole set of rules which would improve the rights of victims in our criminal justice system.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

SENATE REFORM

COMPOSITION OF SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE

Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, there have been discussions among Parties, and I have a motion which I believe will receive the unanimous consent of the House to be put without debate. Therefore I move:

That the Members to act on the part of this House on the Special Joint Committee on Senate Reform be Mr. Andre, Miss Campbell (South West Nova), Messrs. Comtois, Dubois, Epp, Harquail, Hopkins, Jarvis, MacLaren and

Murphy; and that a message be sent to the Senate to acquaint Their Honours thereof

Motion agreed to.

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 2,279 and 4,467.

[Text]

POLITICAL FUND RAISING

Question No. 2,279—Mr. Cossitt:

- 1. Are there Cabinet Ministers who have agreed to or will be agreeing to meet with persons willing to pay a certain amount of money and, if so (a) what are the names of the Cabinet Ministers (b) are such Ministers or others acting on their behalf actively promoting the meetings (c) is the amount of money \$150 and, if not, what is it?
- 2. Is it government policy to permit only those who can afford a certain amount of money to meet with Cabinet Ministers, and, if so, how do those who cannot afford that sum make appointments with Cabinet Ministers?
- 3. (a) What is the purpose of these activities (b) are the Ministers involved turning over the funds to the Liberal Party of Canada and, if so, are the persons who paid the sum able to deduct that amount from their income tax?
- 4. Are cocktails, food or other favours extended by the Ministers, at such meetings, to those involved and, if so, does any of the money used to buy such favours come out of taxpayers' funds?

Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): 1. No. 2 to 4. Not applicable.

EXPORT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Question No. 4,467—Mr. Neil:

- 1. Since the inception of the Export Development Corporation, what is the total value of the financing agreements entered into on behalf of Bombardier Inc. of Montreal?
- 2. What rates of interest does the EDC charge for such financing?

Hon. Gerald Regan (Minister of State (International Trade)): Export Development Corporation states that:

- 1. The total value of the financing agreements entered into by EDC or its predecessor, Export Credits Insurance Corporation, and foreign borrowers where Bombardier Inc. was the exporter of record, is Cdn. \$153.925 million and U.S. \$995.843 million as of January 31, 1983.
- 2. As a matter of general policy the Corporation does not disclose details of transactions such as that which is of the subject of the present request. As to the rate of interest, in view of the intense competition that prevails among countries in foreign trade, it is not in the public interest for the Export Development Corporation to discuss its participation in export transactions or proposed export transactions. Such information would assist an exporter's competitors both foreign and