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Motion No. 4 should be debated and voted on separately.

Motions Nos. 8, 9, 10 and 11 should be grouped for debate and voted on as follows: The question will first be put on motion No. 9 and an affirmative vote on that motion will dispose of motions No. 8, 10 and 11; and a negative vote on motion No. 9 will necessitate the question being put separately on motions Nos. 8, 10 and 11.

Motions Nos. 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 should be grouped for debate and voted on as follows: An affirmative vote on motion No. 12 disposes of motion No. 13; a negative vote on motion No. 12 necessitates the question being put on motion No. 13; motion No. 14 should be voted on separately; and an affirmative vote on motion No. 15 disposes of motion No. 16, with a negative vote necessitating the question being put on motion No. 16.

Motions Nos. 17 and 18 should be debated and voted on separately.

Before recognizing the hon. member for Churchill, I should like to say to the House that Bill C-124 was reprinted with an error, that is to say, it was reprinted as it was; it did not include a change which was made subsequently. Clause 6 should read in line 44 at page 5 as follows:

Section 4, be entitled to the merit increases, incremented increases or—

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill) moved:

Motion No. 2

That Bill C-124, An Act respecting compensation in the public sector of Canada, be amended in Clause 2 by striking out lines 7 to 11 at page 1 and substituting the following therefor:

“compensation” means wage rates and benefits directly related thereto, other than pension and paid maternity benefits, but does not include the monetary value of hours of work, leave entitlements, leave for union activities, standards of discipline or any other working conditions;”

Hon. Donald J. Johnston (President of the Treasury Board) moved:

Motion No. 3

That Bill C-124, An Act respecting compensation in the public sector of Canada, be amended in Clause 2 by adding immediately after line 11 at page 2 the following:

“(3) The following provisions apply, notwithstanding anything in this Part that is inconsistent therewith:

(a) every person referred to in paragraph 3(2)(a) and every research staff member of a political party that is represented in Parliament on the day this Act is assented to shall, as of the day this Act is assented to, be entitled to receive, in lieu of the wage rate to which he would, but for this paragraph, be entitled, a wage rate equal to the product of the wage rate to which that person was entitled on March 31, 1982 and one hundred and six per cent;

(b) wage rates in effect under paragraph (a) shall continue in force for the twelve month period immediately following the day this Act is assented to;

(c) wage rates continued in force under paragraph (b) shall not be increased by more than five per cent for the twelve month period immediately following the period referred to in paragraph (b); and

(d) every compensation plan to which paragraphs (a) to (c) apply shall be extended for a period of twenty-four months from the day this Act is assented to and the terms and conditions of the compensation plan, other than wages rates, shall continue in force without change for the period for

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which the compensation plan is extended, subject to such changes as the Treasury Board may authorize where it deems it appropriate.”

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill) moved:

Motion No. 5

That Bill C-124, An Act respecting compensation in the public sector of Canada, be amended by striking out Clause 4.

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill) moved:

Motion No. 6

That Bill C-124, An Act respecting compensation in the public sector of Canada, be amended in Clause 4 by striking out lines 24 to 34 at page 3 and substituting the following therefor:

“four months from the day immediately following the day on which the compensation plan would, but for this section, expire, where no increase in wage rates is to occur under the compensation plan on or after June 29, 1982.”

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill) moved:

Motion No. 7

That Bill C-124, An Act respecting compensation in the public sector of Canada, be amended by striking out Clause 6.

He said: Madam Speaker, I believe you did not call motion No. 4.

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): It is to be voted on separately.

Mr. Murphy: I apologize, Madam Speaker; it was my error.

An hon. Member: Good.

Mr. Murphy: My error seems to make some people happy.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): I realize the hon. member for Churchill (Mr. Murphy) has been recognized, but I should like to interrupt him for a moment and to indicate to hon. members that there are available copies of Madam Speaker's ruling with respect to the various motions. I am not sure whether hon. members have copies of it on their desks.

Some hon. Members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Then I ask the pages to distribute photocopies of Madam Speaker's ruling in both official languages to hon. members.

Mr. Murphy: Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to participate in the report stage debate of Bill C-124. I should like to commence my remarks by referring to an article which appeared in yesterday's edition of *The Citizen*. Of course, I am referring to the fact that the research bureau of the Liberal Party of Canada is starting what it calls “the good news syndrome”. The bureau is providing good news to be disseminated by Liberal Members of Parliament and senators across the country in their householders and through other mechanisms, so that people do not realize the current problems facing Canada. This means that the Liberal government will be able to minimize the problems facing Canadians. In other words, to quote Charles Dickens, “It was the best of times, it was the worst of times—”. The Liberal government wishes to focus on the best of times so that Canadians will forget the very real problems which they face.