

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the third time and passed.

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I think if you were to seek it you would find unanimous consent to revert to the introduction of Bills.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

SENATE AND HOUSE OF COMMONS ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-83, an Act to amend the Senate and House of Commons Act.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Is it the pleasure of the House that the Hon. Minister have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

CUSTOMS ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. Elmer M. MacKay (Minister of National Revenue) moved that Bill C-80, an Act to amend the Customs Act, be read the second time and, by unanimous consent, referred to Committee of the Whole.

He said: Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to say a few words on this legislation. The purpose of this initiative is to enable the Government to improve working conditions in facilities at international bridges and tunnels with priority being given to Windsor, Ontario.

As Hon. Members know, these facilities have become outmoded over the years. Working conditions have deteriorated. It is necessary that the Government take action, if required, to improve working conditions and facilities to modern-day standards.

Mr. Jacques Guilbault (Saint-Jacques): Mr. Speaker, we on this side of the House welcome this Bill, especially in view of

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the interest which has been shown by the City of Windsor to have it passed. My colleague, the Hon. Member for Windsor West (Mr. Gray), the Opposition House Leader, has been advocating and working for the advancement of this Bill. We hope the Bill will receive speedy passage through the House this afternoon.

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of our caucus, and especially on behalf of the Members for Essex—Windsor (Mr. Langdon) and Windsor—Walkerville (Mr. McCurdy), I would like to express our desire to have this legislation passed. We think it is necessary, not only to protect the right of the City of Windsor to ownership of the tunnel in the future, but also to improve working conditions for the people working there at this time. Many of us have seen television programs showing the deplorable condition and what is happening at this time. It is important that we use the strength of the Canada Labour Code to make sure that there are safe working conditions. If the owners of the tunnel are not willing to do it, the Canadian Government should.

• (1700)

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Is the House ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: Question.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the second time and, by unanimous consent, considered in committee, reported, read the third time and passed.

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WINDSOR-DETROIT TUNNEL—ACQUISITION BY CITY OF WINDSOR

Mr. Jim Caldwell (Essex—Kent) moved that Bill S-11, an Act respecting the acquisition, operation and disposal of the Windsor—Detroit Tunnel by the City of Windsor, be read a second time and referred to a legislative committee.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The proposed Private Bill cannot be called without unanimous consent.

Mr. Lewis: Mr. Speaker, there have been discussions among the Parties and I think you will find that there is unanimous consent to send the Bill to Committee of the Whole at this time.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Is it agreed?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.