

from committees. However, the hon. member for Calgary Centre was well within his rights in raising the point of order when he did.

In summary, I have examined all cases. I wish to return briefly to my ruling of June 12, 1981, when I said:

Finally, it seems clear that it is in order to extend the purposes of an item in an Appropriation Act by means of an item in the estimates provided that it does not amend any other legislation.

It seems to me that in each case we have sufficient legislative authority in a previous Appropriation Act or elsewhere.

● (1510)

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Madam Speaker, may I get a clarification on the point you have ruled on? Are the Appropriation Acts to which you referred dated prior to 1968 or subsequent thereto? The distinction is rather important because, as you know, Appropriation Acts after January 1, 1969 are non-debatable. As a matter of fact, they are subject to very little review. There were some that did cause the House to question them, but there again the point at issue is can anything pass through this House and not be debated? If there is an estimate which is posted and raised as question of order, and the legislative authority is deemed to be an appropriation bill, with the greatest respect I submit that is begging the question.

Madam Speaker: The hon. member is asking me to comment on a ruling and I will not do that. The ruling is there to be read. It has been prepared with all the expertise that I can command, and I would ask the hon. member to consult it and guide himself accordingly.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

DISTRIBUTION OF SUPPLY BILL

Madam Speaker: Since today is the final allotted day the House will go through the usual procedure this evening to consider and dispose of the supply bills. In view of recent practice do hon. members agree that the supply bill to be dealt with later today be distributed now?

Some hon. Members: Agreed?

Order Paper Questions

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

MISCELLANEOUS PRIVATE BILLS AND STANDING ORDERS—PRESENTATION OF NINTH AND TENTH REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa-Vanier): Madam Speaker, I have the honour of tabling, in both official languages, the ninth and tenth reports of the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills and Standing Orders.

[English]

DISABLED AND THE HANDICAPPED—PRESENTATION OF FIFTH REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present the fifth report of the Special Committee on the Disabled and the Handicapped, in both official languages.

[Editor's Note: For above reports, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

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PETITION

MR. FULTON—TESTING OF CRUISE MISSILES ON CANADIAN SOIL

Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena): Madam Speaker, I am pleased to present a petition on the very important issue of disarmament which was signed by over 400 people in Kitimat, British Columbia. The petition notes the Liberal government's plan to allow Cruise missile testing in Canada, and calls on the government to support a worldwide disarmament program. I urge the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) and the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Clark) to take heed of this message and review their respective positions on Cruise missile testing, and I hope they will support the growing worldwide peace movement.

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PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

CONCURRENCE IN THIRD REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Bill Clarke (Vancouver Quadra) moved that the third report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented to the House on Wednesday, January 14, 1981, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)