

ue to be regarded by us as being in force except for the financial provisions. It is those agreements which give the provincial attorneys general the right to call on the provincial police force, the RCMP in the province, to serve on an emergency basis in any capacity. I believe that this is the authority to which the hon. member is referring, and he should certainly address himself to the provincial attorney general.

QUERY RESPECTING POSSIBILITY OF MINISTERIAL TALKS

Mr. Sid Parker (Kootenay East-Revelstoke): That is not to whom I am directing it, but to the Solicitor General. It was a request from the Mayor of Halifax for the RCMP to come in, in the event of a strike.

My supplementary question is directed to the Minister of Labour. Can the Minister of Labour advise the House whether he has had any discussions with his colleagues with respect to the use of federal employees as strikebreakers during legally constituted strikes outside the federal sector? Specifically, can the minister tell the House if he has had discussions with the Solicitor General regarding the use of RCMP in Halifax during this legally constituted strike? The point I am trying to make to the Minister of Labour is—

Madam Speaker: Order.

Hon. Gerald Regan (Minister of Labour): No, Madam Speaker.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Knowles: Madam Speaker, I believe my two colleagues, the other House leaders, will agree with me that in the agreement we presented on April 8 we covered just about everything which needed to be covered. However, it has been drawn to my attention that we did not make any change with respect to private members' hour tomorrow. In view of the fact that there are still many members who would like to speak in the debate on the Constitution and one hour would provide time for at least two more speakers, I wonder whether there could be agreement to cancel private members' hour tomorrow so that all of tomorrow's debating time would be given to the motion before the House?

● (1510)

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): Madam Speaker, I am aware that private members' hour was to continue. As a House leader I have no objection to that but private members' hour does belong to the private member involved. Perhaps we could find out who the private member is and have some discussions with him, on the understanding that we could deal with this matter publicly a little later.

[Translation]

Mr. Pinard: Madam Speaker, I am told that tomorrow private members' hour will be used up by the hon. member for

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Vaudreuil. I know that he is here, but I will be ready later today to confirm to my colleague whether it will be necessary or not to defer or cancel private members' hour. However, I wish to point out to my colleague from Winnipeg North Centre that it was not an oversight, because it was agreed that we would sit normal hours and follow the usual order of business. We had anticipated that there would be a private members' hour tomorrow. However, if the member for Vaudreuil now wishes to have it cancelled, I am ready to do so, if he agrees.

Madam Speaker: Order. The new arrangements will be laid before the House a little later when negotiations with the hon. member for Vaudreuil are completed.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

MANAGEMENT AND MEMBERS' SERVICES

Second report of Standing Committee on Management and Members' Services—Mr. Coates.

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[Translation]

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES COMMISSIONER

Madam Speaker: I have the honour to table the tenth annual report of the Commissioner of Official Languages.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. D. M. Collenette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 1,591, 2,037, 2,165 and 2,182.

[Text]

PAYMENT OF MEMBERSHIP DUES IN PRIVATE CLUBS— GOVERNMENT POLICY

Question No. 1,591—**Mr. Cossitt:**

Is it or has it been government policy to pay the dues for membership in private clubs of any kind whatsoever from public funds on behalf of cabinet ministers, deputy ministers, assistant deputy ministers, heads of Crown corporations or any similar high ranking office holders and, if so (a) for what reason (b) on what date did this practice begin (c) what are the names of all such persons holding memberships and, in each case, what is the name of the club involved?

Mr. D. M. Collenette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):

- (a) Memberships in social, recreational or fraternal organizations may be approved by the minister on the recommendation of the deputy minister, but not if such memberships are primarily in the interest of the employee or not directly related to the departmental program.