

Order Paper Questions

[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I ask that all questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the questions stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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PRIVILEGEMR. DELLA NOCE—ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN *OTTAWA CITIZEN*

Mr. Vincent Della Noce (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State and Minister responsible for Multiculturalism): Mr. Speaker, I want to take the first opportunity available to me today to raise a question of privilege and clarify the false impression some may have got from the comments reported in the *Ottawa Citizen* of August 19, 1988.

Some may have got the impression that I witnessed certain questionable incidents. I wish to state categorically that I have no knowledge of any illegal or dishonest acts. The article gives an unfortunate interpretation of what I wanted to say about the need for politicians to maintain high moral standards.

If my comments resulted in some confusion, it is because I did not make myself understood clearly. The interview in question was conducted over the telephone, alternately in French and in English, and English is my third language. I deeply regret any inconvenience this may have caused or the negative impression it may have unfairly cast on others, including my colleagues in the House. For this reason, it was important that I clear up the matter in this House, out of respect for this institution and my colleagues. I ask them to accept my most sincere and profound apologies.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

CANADA-UNITED STATES FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT**MEASURE TO ENACT**

The House resumed from Thursday, August 18, consideration of Bill C-130, an Act to implement the free trade agreement between Canada and the United States of America, as reported (with amendments) from a legislative committee.

Mr. Speaker: It is now my responsibility to put forward further motions. They are Motions Nos. 30, 32, 38, 41, 43, 44, 50, 56 and 58.

Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex—Windsor) moved:

Motion No. 30

That Bill C-130 be amended in Clause 14 by striking out line 32 at page 6 and substituting the following therefor:

"appointed by the Governor in Council subject to review and approval by a committee of the House of Commons."

Motion No. 32

That Bill C-130 be amended in Clause 21 by striking out line 14 at page 9 and substituting the following therefor:

"21.(1) The Governor in Council, subject to review and approval of a House of Commons committee, may"

Motion No. 38

That Bill C-130 be amended in Clause 35 by striking out line 30 at page 20 and substituting the following therefor:

"report to the Governor in Council and committee of the House of Commons on the".

Motion 41

That Bill C-130 be amended in Clause 44 by striking out line 13 at page 31 and substituting the following therefor:

"with the consent of the Minister and a committee of the House of Commons and the".

Motion No. 43

That Bill C-130 be amended in Clause 44 by striking out line 14 at page 35 and substituting the following therefor:

"Governor in Council, subject to review and approval by a Committee of the House of Commons, to hold office for a".

Motion No. 44

That Bill C-130 be amended in Clause 44 by striking out line 35 at page 36 and substituting the following therefor:

"77.27 The Governor in Council, subject to approval by a committee of the House of Commons, may, on".

Motion No. 50

That Bill C-130 be amended in Clause 48 by striking out line 12 at page 41 and substituting the following therefor:

"5.1 The Governor in Council, with approval of a committee of the House of Commons, may".

Motion No. 56

That Bill C-130 be amended in Clause 53 by striking out line 15 at page 44 and substituting the following therefor:

"27.1 The Governor in Council, with the approval of a committee of the House of Commons,"

Motion No. 58

That Bill C-130 be amended in Clause 57 by striking out line 20 at page 47 and substituting the following therefor:

"(4) The Governor in Council, subject to approval by a committee of the House of Commons, may make".

He said: Mr. Speaker, over the weeks we have seen a process throughout this development and furthering of a trade deal with the United States which, as I said to the House on Thursday, was very much directed by the Cabinet, very much kept within the secrecy of Cabinet itself. I suspect in fact that it was kept within the secret context of the committee of Cabinet which was responsible for these negotiations.

As a consequence we have reached a trade agreement with the United States which is unbalanced and, which, frankly, is