

motion; that is natural. I am sure that we will always remember Mr. Fraser in our deliberations.

[English]

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Cape Breton Highlands-Canso): Mr. Speaker, I have one or two reasons for saying a word about this very felicitous motion proposed by the Prime Minister (Mr. Clark), not only because I have been a friend of Mr. Fraser for many years but also because of the association that the Fraser family has had with the province of Nova Scotia. His father served as Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia for one term and his grandfather before his father had the same honour, and I have not lost hope that Alistair Fraser, whom we are honouring today, may follow in that tradition.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. MacEachen: In light of the warm praise given by the Prime Minister, maybe it will happen earlier than I had expected.

● (1630)

Of course, Alistair gave outstanding service to the House of Commons and he deserves the rest he is now receiving in a very beautiful part of Canada, in the town of Guysborough, in the constituency of Cape Breton Highlands-Canso. After having lived in Ottawa for so many years, I have no hesitation in saying that Alistair has definitely improved his residential status.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Motion agreed to.

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INTERNAL ECONOMY COMMISSION

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Prime Minister) presented the following message for His Excellency the Governor General of Canada:

His Excellency the Governor General of Canada transmits to the House of Commons a certified copy of an approved order in council appointing the Hon. Walter Baker, President of the Queen's Privy Council and Minister of National Revenue, the Hon. Roch La Salle, Minister of Supply and Services, the Hon. Sinclair Stevens, President of the Treasury Board, and the Hon. Perrin Beatty, Minister of State (Treasury Board), to act with the Speaker of the House of Commons as commissioners for the purposes and under the provisions of chapter H-9 of the Revised Statutes of Canada entitled: An act respecting the House of Commons.

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STANDING COMMITTEES

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Prime Minister) moved:

That a committee be appointed to prepare and report, in accordance with Standing Order 65, lists of members to compose the standing and standing joint committees of this House; that the committee be composed of Messrs. Baker (Nepean-Carleton), Kempling, Friesen, MacEachen, Lefebvre and Knowles, and that the provisions of Standing Order 65 (1) be suspended in relation to the number of members on the said committee.

Standing Committees

[Translation]

Mr. Fabien Roy (Beauce): Mr. Speaker, I notice that you referred to Standing Order 65, which states:

65.(1) At the commencement of the first session of each Parliament, a striking committee, consisting of seven members, shall be appointed—

If I understand correctly, you have mentioned six members. However, this Standing Order does not stipulate at most seven members, but rather the following:

—consisting of seven members, shall be appointed, whose duty it shall be to prepare and report, within the first ten sitting days after its appointment, lists of members to compose the following standing committees of the House:

Mr. Speaker, I would like you to note that three members, that is the first three members named, belong to the government party. Two are members of the official opposition party and one of the New Democratic Party. There obviously remains one member to be appointed and since our party has always been certain that one of its members would sit on this committee, Mr. Speaker, with your consent, I would like to move the following amendment.

Some hon. Members: Janelle! Janelle!

An hon. Member: Order.

Mr. Roy (Beauce): Mr. Speaker, this is quite in order as it concerns a motion now before the House. The Standing Orders provide that a motion can be moved. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I would move:

That the seventh member of that committee be the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert).

In making this suggestion, Mr. Speaker, I would like to remind hon. members that some of my new colleagues in this House are very prone to laughter. I would like to tell them this and remind them quite simply that we have—

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Roy (Beauce): Mr. Speaker, I would like to give my reason for moving this amendment. I would also like to remind my colleagues in this House that we got a higher percentage of voters—I can see that it bothers some—than the total number of voters who went to the polls in Nova Scotia and the number of people who voted in New Brunswick. Our party got a higher number of votes than the total number of voters in six provinces of Canada.

Nevertheless, I think that in all fairness it is quite simply a matter of principle, of equity, that our party should have a member on that committee to be appointed as you suggested under the terms of Standing Order 65, which calls for a committee of seven members.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I have to have the written motion before determining whether or not it is in order.