

## Petitions

## BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

**Hon. Barbara McDougall (Minister of State (Finance)):** Mr. Speaker, I sympathize with the Hon. Member's position with regard to the shortage of rental accommodation in Toronto. As he knows, this issue is before the courts and in the hands of the CDIC. I would be very happy to inquire into it for him.

● (1500)

## REQUEST THAT TENANTS BE OFFERED PURCHASE OPTION

**Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina):** Mr. Speaker, if the Minister cannot give us that assurance, can she assure us that before the apartments are offered for condominiums the tenants will first be offered the option of buying the buildings as co-operatives or non-profit corporations at the low end of market price?

**Hon. Barbara McDougall (Minister of State (Finance)):** Mr. Speaker, as the Hon. Member knows, it is the job of the liquidator and the CDIC to maximize the return. My understanding is that there have been a number of consultations with tenants in a variety of these buildings and I am sure that the solution will resolve some of these difficult issues.

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## CLERK OF PETITIONS' REPORTS

**Mr. Speaker:** I have the honour to inform the House that the petitions presented by Hon. Members on Tuesday, October 15, 1985, meet the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

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## POINT OF ORDER

## MR. NIELSEN'S ANSWER DURING QUESTION PERIOD

**Hon. Bob Kaplan (York Centre):** Mr. Speaker, during Question Period the Deputy Prime Minister (Mr. Nielsen) attempted to plead the *sub judice* rule to avoid answering a very relevant question which you had accepted. I suggest that he was abusing that rule in order to avoid dealing with a difficult subject.

The *sub judice* convention is set out in Beauchesne's Fifth Edition and it very clearly does not apply to this situation. There is no criminal matter being discussed. There is a civil matter, but even in a civil matter the lawsuit is only at the stage of pleadings.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. That is not a point of order. If the Hon. Member reads further in Beauchesne he will find that that practice is a convention of the House, not a rule of the House.

**Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West):** Mr. Speaker, will the Government House Leader put on the record of the House the business for today and tomorrow? I know that it has been communicated to House Leaders through the usual channels but I think it would be helpful if it were on the record of the House.

**Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to announce publicly the business for today and tomorrow. Hon. Members will know that there is an item in Government Orders with respect to Bill C-79 concerning the CCB and Northland Banks and a Government motion with respect to time allocation. I had communicated earlier this week to determine whether a time at the beginning of the week would be convenient to proceed with this item. After discussions with the Opposition House Leaders, I have decided to have this matter come forward tomorrow morning as the first item of business.

I should also mention that there will be a Ways and Means Motion with respect to the Excise Tax Act on which I will want to move concurrence tomorrow after we have dealt with the matter of time allocation.

The sequence of the order of business in which we are now engaged will continue. In other words, it is my intention to carry on with discussion of the amendments to the Canada Shipping Act, followed by the legislation respecting employment equity and, as the third item in that trio, the Bill respecting Canagrex.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

**Mr. Speaker:** Is the Hon. Minister of State for Finance rising under Tabling of Documents or Statements by Ministers?

**Mrs. McDougall:** I am sorry, Mr. Speaker. I want to rise under Notices of Motions.

**Mr. Speaker:** Petitions.

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## CHANGES TO FAMILY ALLOWANCE AND CHILD TAX CREDIT PROGRAMS

**Ms. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition from a number of citizens, most of whom live in the Vancouver region, asking that family allowances be fully reindexed and that unfair tax increases, which will put a further burden on families, particularly low-income families, be rescinded.