

Over the past year I have received considerable positive response for such an amendment from organizations like the Ontario Hotel and Motel Association, the tourism industries of Alberta and Ontario, the Tourism Industry Association of Canada and the Canadian Restaurant and Food Association. Many small businesses in Canada will be very pleased to have this amendment passed because it will have a positive effect on our tourism industry. I should add, Sir, that it will also expand the federal treasury.

I call upon the House to ensure that this Bill is agreed to, as has been called for a number of times by Canada's Chief Electoral Officer, Mr. Jean Marc Hamel.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the Bill?

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYMENT ACT AND PUBLIC SERVICE STAFF RELATIONS ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-247, an Act to amend the Public Service Employment Act and the Public Service Staff Relations Act (political rights).

He said: Mr. Speaker, it is my intent to introduce this Bill which amends the Public Service Employment Act and the Public Service Staff Relations Act. As you are aware, Mr. Speaker, there is a very contradictory set of rules which apply to federal Government employees who wish to take part in elections, go to conventions, assist in elections and the like. It is the intent of my proposed legislation to ensure that people who work for the federal Government are able to act like other Canadian citizens by being politically involved.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the Bill.

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

Point of Order—Mr. H. Gray

[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

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

Mr. Speaker: Shall all questions stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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[English]

ORDER IN COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS—CDIC

CHANGE OF REFERENCE TO STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I would like to correct the referral made earlier of appointments by Order in Council which were tabled last week. Orders Nos. 2810 and 2811 respecting the Canadian Development Investment Corporation which were referred to the Standing Committee on Government Operations should be referred to the Standing Committee on Regional Industrial Expansion. I would ask that the record show that.

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POINT OF ORDER

ALLEGED IMPERFECTION—BILL C-37—S.O. 108—SPEAKER'S RULING

Mr. Speaker: Before I call Orders of the Day, I have a ruling to make arising out of the debate which occurred on Friday, January 23, 1987. The Hon. Member for Windsor West (Mr. Gray) rose on a point of order to argue that violence had been done to Standing Order 108 in Bill C-37, an Act respecting the imposition of a charge on the export of certain softwood lumber products.

Standing Order 108 reads as follows:

No bill may be introduced either in blank or in an imperfect shape.

The Hon. Member for Windsor West referred to Subclause (3) of Clause 2 of the Bill in which the Memorandum of Understanding is clearly mentioned establishing the relationship between this Bill and the Canada-U.S. Agreement. The Hon. Member complained particularly of lines 11, 12 and 13 at page 2 of the Bill where reference is made to the tabling of the Canada-U.S. memorandum on softwood products as having been made on January 19, 1987, and recorded as a Sessional Paper, the number of which is omitted in the Bill. He subsequently submitted that debate on the Bill should be deemed a nullity and that the Government should be required