

and then applying for regular benefits would have difficulty in showing just cause as required by the act.

Mr. Speaker: Would the House give the member permission to table the document? Is there permission?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

Mr. David Dingwall (Cape Breton—East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I am wondering if the Chair would give some consideration to a term which seems to be used fairly often in this Chamber by members opposite, the word erroneous.

I am sure the Chair would note that when a question is put sometimes the response is that it is erroneous in terms of its factual content. That gives a certain perception to the viewing audience which I believe to be inaccurate and unfair. At the same time those of us on this side could in supplementary questions accuse the government of being erroneous in its facts. I am wondering where this will lead us to.

• (1505)

Would the Chair take it under advisement to take a look at the implications and the fact that I believe motive is being impugned here. I do not think that is part of our Standing Orders and I do not think it is part of the traditions in the House to impugn the motives of hon. members who rise in their places to ask specific questions of ministers or of ministers who make responses to hon. members opposite.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member has asked if the Speaker would comment on the use of the word erroneous. I might but I think I would prefer to wait until I have the full context of how the word was used and the circumstances under which the complaint was brought, because words in themselves without the context are not always the best guide to members.

I appreciate the comment of the hon. member for Cape Breton—East Richmond.

Routine Proceedings

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*English*]

EXPORT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

TABLING OF ACCOUNTS

Mr. Peter L. McCreath (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Science and Technology and Minister for International Trade): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 32(2) I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the report on the accounts administered on behalf of the Government of Canada by the Export Development Corporation for fiscal year 1990–1991.

My intent in tabling this report is that Your Honour may be apprised of the usage and performance of the Canada accounts during the referenced fiscal year.

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[*Translation*]

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO PETITIONS

Mr. Charles A. Langlois (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36(8), I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the government's response to 17 petitions.

[*Editor's Note: See today's Votes and Proceedings.*]

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CONFERENCE OF SPEAKERS OF PARLIAMENTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH

REPORT OF STEERING COMMITTEE

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Pursuant to Standing Order 34, I have the honour to present to the House, in both official languages, the report on the meeting of the Steering Committee of the Conference of Speakers of Parliaments of the Commonwealth, held in Windhoek, Namibia, from January 3 to January 8, 1993.

[*Editor's Note: See today's Votes and Proceedings.*]