

substances in drinking water. These regulations would apply to both public and private water systems.

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

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

STANDING AND STANDING JOINT COMMITTEES—MEMBERSHIP

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, there have been discussions with the other House Leaders concerning a special order of the House to set up the memberships of the various Standing and Standing Joint Committees. If Your Honour would seek unanimous consent of the House, I think the following motion would be agreeable:

That, notwithstanding any Standing or Special Order of the House, the Standing Committees and Standing Joint Committees shall be composed of the following Members:

The list of Members is rather long. There is a detailed list of the membership of each committee. I have given the other two House Leaders copies of the membership. If it is agreeable, I would ask that the motion be printed in *Votes and Proceedings* as if it had been read.

As well it would be necessary to put the following motion:

And that a message be sent to the Senate requesting that House to unite with this House in the formation of the aforementioned Standing Joint Committees and that the Members to serve on each of the said Committees on the part of this House will be as contained in this Order;

And within 10 sitting days following the adoption of this Order the Clerk of the House shall convene a meeting of each Standing Committee whose memberships are contained in this Order.

Mr. Speaker: Does the Hon. Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council (Mr. Mazankowski) have the unanimous consent of the House to move his motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the suggestion to the effect that the list be considered as having been read. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

[*Editor's Note: For list referred to above see today's Votes and Proceedings.*]

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

Order Paper Questions

DISARMAMENT

U.S. STRATEGIC DEFENCE INITIATIVE

Hon. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order to ask you to seek unanimous consent of the House so that I might move the following motion:

That this House endorses the Government's support of the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, emphasizes the relevance of Article V of that Treaty to the failure of the superpowers to reach an agreement at Reykjavik, and urges the Government to appeal directly to President Reagan to abandon his plan to test and develop SDI technology in space since such action would be in complete violation of Article V.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the proposition of the Hon. Member for Oshawa (Mr. Broadbent). Is it the pleasure of the House to give unanimous consent?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Winnipeg—Fort Garry): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order in relation to the motion of the Hon. Member for Oshawa (Mr. Broadbent). The Government did not see fit to approve the motion. I wonder whether the Government House Leader would consider having a discussion among all three Parties to see if there is acceptable wording for a joint resolution of the House relating to the matter of the arms control discussions to be held in Geneva and the question of SDI testing.

If we sat down and worked out something, I am sure the full impact of a resolution from the House would have major influence upon the outcome of the discussions in that it would represent the Canadian point of view from all sides and all spectrums of the country.

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Clark) is not in Ottawa at the present time. I think he will be returning today or tomorrow, and I think I can say that he will be responding to the larger issue in the course of the next few days. That may enlighten the Hon. Member and the proposer of the motion.

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[*Translation*]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

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

Mr. Speaker: Agreed?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.