

However, Section (5) of the Standing Order also goes on to state:

—and the Speaker also shall have regard to the probability of the matter being brought before the House within reasonable time by other means.

Thus, the fact that a matter is urgent is not sufficient to qualify it under this particular Standing Order. To be acceptable there must be no probability of an early opportunity occurring for its consideration.

We are about to embark on a six-day debate on the budget, today being the first day of that debate. The terms of the budget motion are very broad and discussion can range widely. It is a matter of parliamentary tradition that the debate on the budget can cover the whole gamut of Government financial policy and administration. There is therefore an immediate opportunity to consider the matters envisioned in the Hon. Member's motion. There could be no earlier opportunity possible.

● (1510)

The notice given to me by the Hon. Member for Simcoe North also implies an accusation against the Minister in that it refers to:

—the possibility that the Minister has breached his oath of office as a Minister and the question of the Minister's ability to function in his present capacity.

I remind Hon. Members again that this is not a matter for an emergency adjournment motion. It is one which calls for a decision of the House, and a motion under Standing Order 30 results in no decision because the decision which the House reaches is that the House must adjourn. Therefore, on the substance of such a motion that problem is not really resolved.

Erskine May is quite clear in stating that such matters may be debated only on substantive motion which admits of a distinct vote of the House. On page 368 of Erskine May's Nineteenth Edition, it is indicated:

These matters cannot, therefore, be questioned by way of amendment, or upon any motion for adjournment or in debate on a Consolidated Fund Bill.

I must therefore refuse to accept this motion as it does not fall within the criteria required by Standing Order 30, and also because its subject matter is better suited to a substantive motion than to an adjournment motion.

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MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, notice of motion for the production of papers No. 122, in the name of the Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin (Mr. Schellenberger), is acceptable to the Government.

[Text]

FINANCIAL FORECAST OF CURRIE, COOPERS & LYBRAND

Motion No. 122—**Mr. Schellenberger:**

The Budget—Miss Carney

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the financial forecast study done by Currie, Coopers & Lybrand firm of Management Consultants for the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development estimating past and future costs of the transfer of service delivering responsibility from the Department to the Indian Bands and which includes constructing a comparable financial data base, identifying national and regional cost patterns, and undertaking case study cost analysis.

Motion agreed to.

[English]

Mr. Smith: Madam Speaker, I ask that the remaining notices of motions for the production of papers be allowed to stand.

Madam Speaker: Shall the remaining notices of motions for the production of papers stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

THE BUDGET

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE MINISTER OF FINANCE

The House resumed from Tuesday, April 19, consideration of the motion of Mr. Lalonde that this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government.

Miss Pat Carney (Vancouver Centre): Madam Speaker, yesterday the Minister of Finance (Mr. Lalonde) tabled his last chance budget—the last chance this Government has of restoring its fiscal credibility after years of fiscal irresponsibility, economic mismanagement and a string of disastrous budgets which crippled an economy already in recession.

In attempting his last chance he has adopted a basic Conservative principle that our country's best chance of regaining economic growth and creating new jobs is in encouraging the private sector. He has introduced a series of measures which are aimed at encouraging investment opportunities, thus reversing the anti-investment policies of his predecessor.

It should be noted that the Finance Minister started his political career as an aide to Conservative Justice Minister Davie Fulton, and if he had truly returned to the fold, we would commend him. However, a scrutiny of his complex and confusing budget documents shows that he has made no serious attempt to reduce Government expenditures and in fact plans to expand them in order to find the funds to finance his recovery program. He is adding \$5 billion to an enormous deficit at a time he claims the economy is in recovery.

Normally Finance Ministers have the wit to spend during recession and save during the recovery phase in order to