

*Introduction of Bills***PRAIRIE GRAIN ADVANCE PAYMENTS ACT**

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. Charles Mayer (Minister of State (Canadian Wheat Board)) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-12, an Act to amend the Prairie Grain Advance Payments Act.

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

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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

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[Translation]

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-225, an Act to amend the Official Languages Act (institutions of Parliament).

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

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Gauthier: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this Bill is to have the Official Languages Act apply specifically to the institutions of Parliament, which, according to an age-old rule, are not bound by general legislation unless specific provision is made.

The proposed legislation would apply to the Library of Parliament and the permanent offices of the Senate and the House of Commons. The private offices of senators and Members would remain exempt.

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

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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

Mr. Speaker: When shall the Bill be read the second time? At the next sitting of the House?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

• (1110)

[English]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE

AUTHORIZATION FOR STANDING COMMITTEE TO TRAVEL

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I think you will find there will be unanimous agreement to put the following motion, which would have the effect of enabling the newly reconstituted External Affairs Committee to fulfil travel obligations it had made before prorogation of the House. I move:

That the Standing Committee on External Affairs and International Trade be empowered to adjourn from place to place within Canada for the purpose of holding public hearings and studying Canada's official development assistance policies and programs and that the necessary staff do accompany the committee, consistent with the committee's budget as approved by the Board of Internal Economy.

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 terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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[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.

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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[English]

PRIVILEGE

ALLEGED MISUSE OF COMMONS STATIONERY AND FRANKING PRIVILEGES

Mr. Bob Brisco (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege concerning the flagrant misuse of House of Commons stationery and the frank by the eight B.C. Members of Parliament of the New Democratic Party, signed by each of them, including the Member for Comox—Powell