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gulf ferry service. Even though I do not have the document in front of me, I was quoting from a table of figures showing increases charged for service across the gulf between North Sydney and Port aux Basques. It indicated that the rate for camper-trailers was to be increased by 100 per cent. I brought this matter to the attention of the minister and the House because the government helped with the development of Gros Morne national park and the increased rate would deter tourists from visiting this part of Newfoundland. I can produce those figures if the House wishes. The facts are as I have indicated, and are supported by CNR.

**Mr. Lang:** Mr. Speaker, I, too, rise on the same point of order. I appreciate the hon. member drawing the attention of the House to the fact that when he looked with his microscope for a figure, he found one. That was my point. I tried to make the point that this is not a sort of general matter, as the hon. member may have managed to suggest.

**Mr. Broadbent:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I note that the Prime Minister entered the House just at the end of the question period. No doubt he was preoccupied with other serious matters. I wonder if the House would unanimously agree to allow the Prime Minister to say something about an important issue, about something which to many appears to be a clear infringement of the freedom of the press of Canada. I say this in light of the raid by the RCMP on the *Toronto Sun* this past weekend.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. It is inaccurate, at least, to portray such a point as a point of order. The routine proceedings of the House countenance statements on motions, which can accomplish what is being sought without the consent of the House being necessary. Whether this will take place in the ordinary course of business is something which shall be seen only later in the day; but this can be accomplished without consent.

**Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on the point of order raised by the hon. member for Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe. I think the minister ought to make clear that this is not a microscopic point, as the announcement made this week with respect to the Northumberland ferries means there is to be a 100 per cent increase in all ferry rates this summer. The increase was approved by the minister's department and by the Canadian Transport Commission.

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## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

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Fourteenth and fifteenth reports of Standing Committee on Transport and Communications—Mr. Campbell.

[Editor's Note: For text of above reports, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

[Mr. Marshall.]

[Translation]

### LOTO-CANADA

#### TABLING OF DOCUMENTS AND STATEMENT OUTLINING OPERATION OF ORGANIZATION

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (President of the Treasury Board):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 42 (1), I would like to table an information document on Loto-Canada, the national lottery which the government has decided to launch. This document is available in the two official languages.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to advise the House of the government's decision to set up, administer and manage a national lottery, most likely until late 1979, to enable the public, on a voluntary basis, to ease the deficit incurred by the Olympic Games in Montreal in 1976, and the Commonwealth Games in 1978 in Edmonton. The House will be given the opportunity before the end of June to express its opinion on the government's decision. The new lottery, Loto-Canada, will be launched for good in September 1976, that is to say after the last draw of the Olympic Lottery.

From the beginning of the lottery until the end of 1979, if Parliament approves and if the two sides of the House are agreed, 82.5 per cent of the net profits will be earmarked for the 1976 Olympic Games and the 1978 Commonwealth Games. During that period, 12.5 per cent of net receipts will be shared among the provinces according to sales made under their jurisdiction so that, in the whole, the share of Olympic Lottery receipts will be maintained. We hope that provincial authorities will continue to earmark these funds to assist amateur sports. The other 5 per cent of the net receipts will be used by the federal government to finance programs related to physical fitness, amateur sports and recreation.

We have not yet established a formula for sharing the lottery's net receipts after 1979. These matter will be dealt with as soon as possible in co-operation with the provinces.

On the whole, the creation of Loto-Canada will maintain for Canadians the opportunity they have had since 1973 to assist, on a voluntary basis, in developing amateur sports and in improving the physical fitness of citizens. It is, of course, a most worthy goal. So far, the Olympic Lottery has been exceptionally successful: at the last count, it has generated \$168 million for financing the Olympic Games. From now on, the new national lottery will be a means of attracting and channelling the contributions of Canadians to help finance a variety of initiatives in the field of amateur sports, physical fitness, recreation and large-scale sporting events which may take place in the various parts of Canada in the future.

I want to point out that the government's initiative is fully consistent with its defined and often-reiterated policy regarding the Olympic Games, namely that no direct contribution from the general revenue of the federal treasury would be allocated for their financing, but that steps would be taken to ensure the success of financing programs.

A new Crown corporation will soon be incorporated, pursuant to the provisions of the Canada Business Corporations Act. The name of this new corporation will be Loto-Canada Inc.; its role will be to administer and operate