

humanity. The National Film Board has made an enormous contribution in bringing all Canadians together. I congratulate the NFB on its fiftieth anniversary. I encourage Canadians to take part in as many of the events marking this important occasion as they can.

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BILL C-9

CHANGE OF REFERENCE TO STANDING COMMITTEE

Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, there have been discussions among the Parties. I believe you would find that there would be unanimous consent to put the following motion to the House immediately for approval without debate.

I move:

That the Order for second reading and reference to a Legislative Committee of Bill C-9, An Act to amend the Bank Act, standing on the Order Paper, be changed to read "second reading and reference to the Standing Committee on Finance".

Motion agreed to.

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PETITIONS

UNEMPLOYED YOUTH—ADDITIONAL JOB CREATION FUNDS

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to present a petition pursuant to Standing Order 36 on behalf of Canadians who point out the number of young people in our country who are officially unemployed. They suggest that the unemployment rate for young people of Canada is actually twice the rate that is normally stated and certainly much larger than on average. I point out that unemployment among young people is a source of many social problems including alcoholism, drug abuse, prostitution, crime, and so on.

They are calling on Parliament to consider the advisability of providing additional job-creation funds directed specifically to young people to ensure that federal job creation strategy emphasizes job opportunities that extend beyond the industrial and commercial sectors.

INCOME TAX—FEMALE LOW WAGE EARNERS

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, I have another petition. The petitioners indicate that 50 per

cent of Canadian women who file tax returns have incomes of \$10,000 or less. They indicate that thousands of Canadian women living in poverty still have to pay income tax. They suggest that the tax system has an adverse effect on women as a result of the deductibility of alimony, maintenance payments, spousal tax transfers, deindexation of tax credits and social transfers. They are calling on Parliament to introduce a tax system that is simpler and fairer to the average Canadian woman and to consider the advisability of restoring indexation to the child tax credit.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Government House Leader): Mr. Speaker, I ask that all questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Shall all questions be allowed to stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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PRIVILEGE

GRANTING OF SUPPLY—SPEAKER'S RULING

Mr. Speaker: I am now ready to rule on the arguments presented several days ago with respect to the Question of Privilege relating to the supply process. On April 6, after giving the Chair the required written notice, the Hon. Member for Kingston and the Islands (Mr. Milliken) and the Hon. Member for Glengarry—Prescott—Russell (Mr. Boudria), rose in the House to argue a case of privilege.

The Hon. Member for Kingston and the Islands claimed that the ancient rights of Members of Parliament have been denied in so far as the granting or withholding of Supply. I quote from page 177 of *Hansard*:

Why did we move to consider the Business of Supply when no supply had been requested from Her Excellency, the Governor General, at the opening of the Session?

[Translation]

Both he and the Hon. Member for Glengarry—Prescott—Russell (Mr. Boudria) also expressed serious reservations as to the use of Governor General's warrants by the Government as it is their view that such use of warrants has superseded the usual Supply process.