

a) of the value of the consideration in respect of taxable supplies, on recipients of such supplies made in Canada;

b) of the aggregate of the duty paid value of the goods and any excise tax imposed under the Excise Tax Act in respect of imported goods, on every person who imports goods into Canada; and

c) of the value of the consideration in respect of taxable supplies, other than goods, imported into Canada, on recipients resident in Canada.

I think it should be noted that, in short, this particular Ways and Means motion presents a very broad statement of the financial initiative of the government vis-a-vis the goods and services tax and so would appear to permit considerable scope for amendments to the bill within, of course, the 7 per cent rate ceiling.

The terms of the motion itself which I have just outlined must serve as a beacon to guide members in drafting any amendments. Consequently, in view of the minister's explanation to the House that the motion stands on its own and does not derive any authority from documents previously issued by the government, the Chair concludes that Bill C-62, which is based on the Ways and Means motion concurred in on January 23, may now proceed for second reading.

I want to say in addition that the argument put forward by the hon. member for Kamloops was obviously extremely well researched and was very succinctly presented. I hope that hon. members will be satisfied that in this judgment we have dealt adequately with the matters raised.

I thank the hon. minister for assisting the Chair in the clarifications contained in his statements.

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POINT OF ORDER

COMMENTS DURING QUESTION PERIOD

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, during the heat of Question Period I and several of my colleagues heard my friend from Burin—St. George's say that I was lying. That is both untrue and unparliamentary and I wonder if he would take the opportunity to withdraw.

Mr. Speaker: Before the hon. member responds, I want to assure the right hon. gentleman and other members that I did not hear that, but the matter is now between the two members. I am guided by their responses.

Routine Proceedings

Hon. Roger C. Simmons (Burin—St. George's): Mr. Speaker, certainly if I said anything which was unparliamentary I would withdraw it without any equivocation. I indicated to the right hon. gentleman that, as he had indicated that I uttered some falsehoods, I thought that in the same vein he might have done the same thing. I used the word "falsehoods" and proceeded to say that if I could call it something else I would. But if something was heard that was deemed to be unparliamentary, I withdraw without any qualification.

Mr. Speaker: I thank the hon. member. Hon members will, of course, keep in mind that the enthusiasm which is sometimes engendered at Question Period can create problems for the Chair and, of course, problems for other members who are waiting to raise important matters and ministers who, no doubt, would want to respond to those matters. I do want to stress the importance of hon. members in these exchanges keeping in mind that their colleagues are also waiting to be heard. I thank hon. members.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

ORDER IN COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

REFERENCE TO STANDING COMMITTEES

Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to table, in both official languages, a number of Order in Council appointments which were made by the government.

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 110(1), these are deemed referred to the appropriate standing committees, a list of which is attached.

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PETITIONS

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Government House Leader): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36(8) I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the government responses to 18 petitions.

[Editor's Note: See today's Votes and Proceedings.]