

not be entitled to increases beyond 3 per cent not only for next year, but for the next three years.

* * *

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

DESIGNATION OF ALLOTTED DAY

Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Madam Speaker, I would like to designate next Monday, March 11, as an opposition day or allotted day for the purpose of supply.

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Madam Speaker, since the government House leader has finally announced what he is going to do Monday, would he also be able to indicate to this House whether he intends to proceed with any government legislation next week?

Mr. Andre: Madam Speaker, the House leaders of the respective parties have been in discussion and looking at a calendar for next week and so on. It was the intention to use a number of the allotted days which are required under the rules.

I believe his House leader, if not him, has in his hand now a proposal for a calendar, as does the Official Opposition, and we are ready to discuss that and work on an agenda so we may all know as much in advance as possible the business of this House.

Mr. Murphy: Madam Speaker, again to the government House leader, I noticed on that calendar there is no reference whatsoever to taxation with regard to the northern tax benefit. There are a number of Canadians right across northern Canada who cannot get their tax rebate unless that legislation is introduced into the House of Commons. It has not been introduced whatsoever, and I would like to know when the government plans to introduce that legislation.

Mr. Andre: I am not sure that it is appropriate that we keep this negotiation on the floor of the House of Commons. There have been discussions with his House leader—

Mr. Murphy: It is not on the list.

Mr. Andre: We had discussions with his House leader. He keeps interrupting.

We have had discussions with his House leader. There is a willingness on our side, if there is on his side and in

Points of Order

the Official Opposition, to pass that legislation very quickly if we can get co-operation. That is under active discussion. If he would consult with his House leader, I am sure he would find out about that.

* * *

[Translation]

POINT OF ORDER

COST OF MOVING MEMBERS' OFFICES

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Calgary West): I rise on a point of order, Madam Speaker. I think that the hon. member for Richelieu may have been off track when he spoke in this House yesterday. Perhaps he was daydreaming. At any rate, the plan is for four new offices for government members, not 30. Only 13 members will be involved in the move, and the costs incurred for each of them will be approximately \$100. Those are the facts.

[English]

ESTIMATES

Mr. René Soetens (Ontario): Madam Speaker, I would like to rise on a point of order relating to the Supplementary Estimates and the estimates pertaining to next year's budget as tabled in the House by the President of the Treasury Board.

In the estimates as tabled there are included estimates for the Senate of Canada, in particular in the supplementary, as well as in section 21 of the regular estimates for next year.

In these estimates, particularly the Supplementary Estimates under vote 2c, there is an amount of \$1 million. In the 1991-1992 estimates in section 21 under vote 5, there is an amount of \$1,150,000 included for new allowances for senators. It is based on the \$153 per day they are paid to attend meetings of the Senate.

I would like to quote from the *Minutes of Proceedings* in the Senate of June 5, 1990 which describe exactly how this money is to be paid to individual members, and then I will relate that to the point of order that applies. I would quote from page 1080 of June 5:

"In addition to any other allowance otherwise provided, there shall be paid to each member of the Senate in this and future sessions of Parliament a tax-free living allowance at the rate of one hundred and fifty-three dollars for each day the member is in attendance at a meeting of the Senate, one of its committees or subcommittees, or a joint committee of both Houses, calculated as of the date of the