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My understanding had been that the technical paper itself was tabled in this House, but I cannot be absolutely sure of that. I have asked my staff to check on that. As soon as I have that information for you I can advise you.

Mr. Speaker: First of all, I appreciate the courtesy of the hon. member for Kamloops and members of his staff in giving the Chair notice of this complex point. I also appreciate the minister staying behind for the argument and I appreciate that he has asked for some time to respond.

I will hear the minister further on this matter if that happens today or at some appropriate point. I should tell the hon. member for Kamloops and the minister that knowing about the complexity of the argument, it was my intention to reserve judgment until I could fully consider the argument and the implications that flow thereof, but to make sure that I would rule on the point before second reading. I want to give the hon. member for Kamloops that assurance.

If the hon. Minister of Finance wants some time to address the Chair further on this, I think that that would be agreed by all parties, but I am going to need some time to consider it.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

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's response to 51 petitions.

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

Routine Proceedings

[Translation]

CANADA PENSION PLAN

TABLING OF TWO REPORTS OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Mrs. Lise Bourgault (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Health and Welfare): On behalf of the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Beatty) and pursuant to Standing Order 32(2) I wish to table, in both official languages, two reports by the Canada Pension Plan Advisory Board: The Suspense File and Definition of Disability under the Canada Pension Plan.

[Editor's note: See today's Votes and Proceedings]

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[English]

POINT OF ORDER

WAYS AND MEANS MOTION

Mr. Speaker: Further to the argument put forward by the hon. member for Kamloops, I should advise hon. members that the government has moved for introduction and first reading of the bill in question.

I am going to put introduction and first reading of the bill to the House, but it must be clearly understood that I will rule on the argument raised by the hon. member for Kamloops before second reading begins. Is that clearly understood?

Mr. Gauthier: By tomorrow?

Mr. Speaker: I am not in a position to say when it will be. What I am saying is that I am going to need time to consider it. I want the hon. member for Kamloops to clearly understand that except for this procedure—

Mr. Benjamin: Before any stage.

Mr. Speaker: I have examined the procedure very carefully and I think that I am proceeding properly in introducing the bill for first reading. But what I am saying is that, that having been done, nothing further will proceed until I have made the ruling.

Mr. Riis: Mr. Speaker, I seek clarification. I will follow your decision, naturally, but to seek further clarification, if in your ruling you deem it to have been inappropriate for the Minister of Finance to proceed, with the assumption that he had proceeded incorrectly with his Ways and