

*The Budget—Mr. Hnatyshyn*  
**GOVERNMENT ORDERS**

	(a) Men	(b) Women
Court of Queen's Bench for Saskatchewan	5	0
Supreme Court of Canada-Judges	1	0
Tariff Board	1	0
Tax Court of Canada	2	0
Court of Appeal for the Yukon Territory	4	0
Supreme Court for the Yukon Territory	5	0
Board of Arbitration—Canada Agricultural Products Standards Act	5	0
Review Tribunal—Canada Agricultural Products Standards Act	5	0
Youth Court—Young Offenders Act	0	0

● (1110)

[Translation]

**Mr. Lewis:** I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

**Mr. Speaker:** The questions enumerated by the Parliamentary Secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions stand?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

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[English]

**POINT OF ORDER**

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO COMMITTEE REPORT

**Mr. Speaker:** Prior to going to Orders of the Day I am in receipt of a notice of a desire by the Hon. Member for York Centre (Mr. Kaplan) to raise a point of order.

**Hon. Bob Kaplan (York Centre):** I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker, and I do so as the Chairman of the Standing Joint Committee on Regulations and Other Statutory Instruments. I want to draw to the attention of the House a failure by the Minister of Transport (Mr. Mazankowski) to comply with Standing Order 70(16). I will do so in two sentences.

Our committee tabled its fourth report on October 17, 1985. The Standing Order to which I just referred provides for the Government to table a comprehensive response to the report within 120 days of the report being tabled. That 120 day period expired on February 14. The Minister of Transport, since that day, has been in default of his responsibility to table a comprehensive reply.

Our report is an important one, and I want to draw to the attention of the Speaker this breach of the rules of the House.

**Mr. Speaker:** I thank the Hon. Member and I take his point. I am not entirely sure what I can say or do, but I think the House knows the point which the Hon. Member is making and I will certainly look into the matter.

[English]

**THE BUDGET**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF MINISTER OF FINANCE

The House resumed from Wednesday, March 5, consideration of the motion of Mr. Wilson (Etobicoke Centre) that this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government.

**Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, on February 26, the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) brought down a Budget designed to restore fiscal stability to the country.

Through the most far-reaching program of expenditure control ever undertaken by a Government in Canada, the Budget took yet another deliberate step in the implementation of the Government's November, 1984 agenda for economic renewal. It is a step that enables us to foresee government program spending falling by the end of the decade to the same share of the economy as at the beginning of the 1960s. It is a step that promotes economic renewal by smarter spending.

You will recall that two weeks earlier, as a part of our plan for economic renewal, the Deputy Prime Minister (Mr. Nielsen) announced the Government's decision to launch a major regulatory reform strategy. By improving the Government's regulatory performance, we intend to reduce impediments to economic growth, cut down inhibitions to job creation and eliminate unnecessary incursions on personal freedom. In other words, we want to promote economic renewal through better regulation.

[Translation]

In my new capacity as Minister responsible for regulation, I would like to inform the House of two components of the federal reform strategy: the introduction of the Citizens' Code of Regulatory Fairness and a regulatory program improvement package.

First of all, I would like to comment on the subject of regulation and the need for regulatory reform.

[English]

As a lawyer and a former member of the Standing Joint Committee on Regulations and Other Statutory Instruments, I am no stranger to Government regulations. Last year I was appointed Chairman of the Special Committee on Council. That is the cabinet committee responsible for approving all regulatory initiatives. The concern about regulation that I had developed while in the Opposition was only reinforced when looking at it from the Government's point of view. You have to see it to believe just how many regulatory initiatives go through the committee week in and week out, very much like chickens on a processor's conveyer belt, Mr. Speaker.

[Translation]

We all know how extensive federal regulations are and how considerable the cost is to the public purse and the economy. If