

The hon. House leader I think has indicated that the process is such that with a little bit of skill, there can be input from that committee into the progress of the bill.

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NATIONAL PETROLEUM COMPANY OF CANADA

NOTICE OF ALLOCATION OF TIME TO CONSIDER SECOND READING STAGE OF BILL C-84

Hon. John McDermid (Minister of State (Privatization and Regulatory Affairs)): Mr. Speaker, since we are getting points of order out of the way, I thought I would try again, especially with you in the chair.

I wish to indicate that an agreement could not be reached under the provisions of Standing Order 78(1) or 78(2) with respect to an allocation of time to the second reading stage of Bill C-84, an act respecting the privatization of the National Petroleum Company of Canada.

Under the provision of Standing Order 78(3), I give notice of my intention to move a time allocation motion at the next sitting of the House for the purpose of allotting a specified number of days or hours, for the consideration and disposal of proceedings at that stage of the bill.

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PRIVILEGE

KEMANO COMPLETION PROJECT

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Skeena has filed with me a question of privilege. I have accepted it as being in order. I wonder if the hon. member would want it heard at perhaps a more convenient time than presently.

Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena): I certainly would not object to having it put over, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: That would be the appropriate thing to do. I thank him for his co-operation.

Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the hon. member

Privilege

would let the appropriate person—I assume it has to do with some actions of somebody on this side of the House—know the substance of the question of privilege so that some preparation might be undertaken on this side.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. House leader has made a suggestion which is eminently sensible under the circumstances, especially as the House now knows the hon. member for Skeena does have a question of privilege.

Mr. Fulton: I do not object to giving a quick synopsis, Mr. Speaker, to the question of privilege. It involves the October 12 Order in Council exemption of the Kemano completion project. As I think the government House leader is aware, the Prime Minister and four ministers of fisheries are on the record as supporting a full public inquiry into that project before it was approved.

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The other point is in relation to the June 27 agreement that was reached. Effectively what has happened is the October 12 Order in Council exempting the Alcan hydroelectric project from the 1984 cabinet guidelines order removes the agreement that was reached on the June 27. That agreement was that there would be no variance made to the 1984 cabinet guidelines order until Bill C-78 had gone through and become law.

It is a two part question of privilege. One is involving the government endorsement of a public review of an environmental evaluation of a very large project. The other is that an agreement was reached in the House that there would not be substantive changes made to a special Order in Council from 1984 until legislation presently before the House was law.

Mr. Speaker: I thank the hon. member for Skeena for putting the point so succinctly. I hope it is of assistance to the hon. government House leader.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 38, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Sudbury—Children's Rights; the hon. member for Broadview—Greenwood—Goods and Services Tax.