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HOUSE OF COMMONS

TABLING OF ORDER IN COUNCIL RESPECTING ACTING
MINISTERS

Hon. Yvon Pinard (President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, in accordance with recent practice, I am tabling in both official languages copies of Order in Council P.C. 1982-3255 designating Acting Ministers, as well as a list of the Members of the Committees of Cabinet.

Also, in accordance with recent practice, I ask that these documents be appended to today's *Debates*.

Madam Speaker: Shall they be appended to today's *Debates*?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Madam Speaker: It is so ordered.

[*Editor's Note: For documents referred to above, see Appendix "A".*]

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ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

TABLING OF ANNUAL REPORT, 1981-82

Hon. Judy Erola (Minister of State (Mines)): Madam Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 41, I am tabling the Annual Report, 1981-82, of the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women, in both official languages.

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[Translation]

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Hon. Yvon Pinard (President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, we have had consultations with representatives of the various parties who are responsible for the business of the House, and it would seem that if you are patient and are flexible in applying the provisions of Standing Order 15(3), there will be no complaints. The Minister of Finance (Mr. Lalonde) is expected to speak for about 45 minutes, perhaps for as long as an hour, in making his statement, and we on this side of the House will certainly have no objection to members being given at least equal time to reply and ask questions as they feel appropriate. However, there is also an agreement and we would certainly not want this practice to be considered as a precedent. There is an agreement, Madam Speaker, that before the statement by the Minister of Finance, the latter will be authorized to introduce today, for first reading, the bill intituled: An Act to provide supplementary borrowing authority (No. 2), which will enable the House to proceed with second reading tomorrow. And since the following will be at the request of the Conservative Party House Leader, I would

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like to specify right away that tomorrow, we intend to proceed with the debate on second reading of the bill which will be introduced in a few moments by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Lalonde); Friday will be the second and Tuesday the third day of this great debate on the economy. Monday will be an opposition day, and tomorrow I intend to be more specific as to the business of the House for the remainder of next week.

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Mr. Nielsen: Yes, Madam Speaker, that substantially reflects the agreement reached with respect to the borrowing bill, which will be called on Thursday and debated on Thursday, Friday, and the following Tuesday. With respect to today's statement, as long as the Opposition is given equal time to the minister in proportion to the number of seats held by the Official Opposition and the New Democratic Party, we are happy with that arrangement.

Mr. Deans: Madam Speaker, I wonder if I might for clarification ask the Hon. House Leader for the Conservative Party just exactly what he means by that.

Mr. Nielsen: No problem, Madam Speaker; it means that normal, equitable practices prevail in this House.

Mr. Deans: Madam Speaker, that is, of course, the agreement that we came to, that normal, equitable practices would be maintained.

Madam Speaker: The House then agrees unanimously that the Hon. Minister of Finance (Mr. Lalonde) will have leave of the House to introduce a bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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[Translation]

SUPPLEMENTARY BORROWING AUTHORITY ACT,
1982-83 (NO. 2)

MEASURE TO ESTABLISH

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Finance) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-128, An Act to provide supplementary borrowing authority (No. 2).

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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THE ECONOMY

STATEMENT BY MINISTER OF FINANCE

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Finance): Madam Speaker, my purpose this afternoon is threefold. First, I want to report on Canada's economic performance this year and on our