

bill, we were able to accommodate members of the House by distributing in advance of the ten o'clock time—I think it was at 8 p.m.—the actual supply bill, which I think alleviated some of the concern and discontent hon. members had expressed earlier that they would be handed the bill and then asked to vote upon it moments later. There seems to be acceptance of that procedure, certainly by the government, and by all hon. members of the House, so I am happy to report that it will be possible to repeat that procedure this evening. Hon. members can expect to receive copies of the supply bill at eight o'clock.

● (1500)

Mr. Cullen: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Yesterday, in answer to a question by the hon. member for South Shore (Mr. Crouse), I inadvertently indicated that the Parliamentary Secretary to the Secretary of State (Miss Campbell) had made representations in connection with Riverport. I was wrong in that. The representations made by the parliamentary secretary had to do with three Customs ports in her particular riding, and I would like the record to show that.

Mr. McKenzie: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Today I directed a question to the government House leader, who I understand is also President of the Privy Council (Mr. Sharp), in connection with a telegram from the city of Winnipeg asking him to rescind a certain order in council. The minister suggested that he was not the minister to whom the question should be directed. Could the minister please advise me which minister should answer this question?

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, I said that I would inquire, and that I will do. Perhaps the hon. member will ask the question tomorrow, if it should be directed to another minister.

Mr. Malone: Mr. Speaker, I have a question of privilege and it relates to my attempt to put forward earlier today a motion under Standing Order 43. I submit that it was not that I had any grievance about the differences which take place amongst members of the committee but, rather, that I think there is something inherent in what took place which threatens the whole committee system; that is, that when a question came before the members of the committee, four members from the government side were removed from the committee studying Bill C-58. It was well known that many other members had some very serious questions. I simply suggest that as long as a ministry of the government so enforces, unilaterally, its position on the committee, it really makes a charade of the whole committee system, and perhaps the matter ought to be reviewed and studied in terms of committees and how they operate.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair had no intention of restricting the opportunity of the hon. member to express the very grave concern which he has now expressed rather adequately on a question of privilege.

Finance

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

AGRICULTURE

Twelfth report of Standing Committee on Agriculture, in both official languages—Mr. Daudlin.

BROADCASTING, FILMS AND ASSISTANCE TO THE ARTS

Fourth report of Standing Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts, in both official languages—Mr. Guilbault.

[English]

LABOUR, MANPOWER AND IMMIGRATION

Fifth report of Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration—Miss Nicholson.

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FINANCE

TABLING OF AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I should like to lay on the table the report of the Auditor General of Canada for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1975, with a supplement.

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ANTI-INFLATION ACT

TABLING OF DRAFT AGREEMENTS

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I should like to table copies of draft agreements under Bill C-73, as requested by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Stanfield).

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FINANCE

REFERENCE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT TO STANDING COMMITTEE

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Finance): moved that the public accounts for the year ended March 31, 1975, and the Auditor General's report thereon be referred to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Motion agreed to.