

[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I ask that those questions be allowed to stand.

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[English]

POINT OF ORDER

MR. PAPROSKI—REFUSAL TO ANSWER QUESTIONS

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, this has to do with questions on the order paper. In order to expedite answers to questions on the order paper, and in view of the fact some questions have been on the order paper for a matter of months and even years without the government feeling any obligation to answer them, will the parliamentary secretary do the House the courtesy of giving a list of questions he refuses to provide answers to, and possibly we can take that into consideration?

[Translation]

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I merely refer the hon. member to the order paper and as for the remainder, our record is self-explanatory since we answer an average of 90 per cent of the questions per session.

Mr. Speaker: Are the remaining questions allowed to stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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[English]

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that a message has been received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate have passed Bill S-2, an act to implement an agreement between Canada and Malaysia and conventions between Canada and Spain, Canada and Liberia, Canada and Austria and Canada and Italy for the avoidance of double taxation with respect to income tax, to which the concurrence of this House is desired.

Old Age Security Act

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

BORROWING AUTHORITY ACT, 1978-79-80

MEASURE TO GRANT SUPPLEMENTARY BORROWING POWER

The House resumed, from Wednesday, October 25, consideration of the motion of Mr. Chrétien that Bill C-7, to provide supplementary borrowing authority for the fiscal year 1978-79, to provide borrowing authority for the fiscal year 1979-80 and to amend the Financial Administration Act, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs.

Mr. Speaker: According to the order the House made earlier this day, the question is on the motion of Mr. Chrétien. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: Shall I declare the motion carried on division?

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: Those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Speaker: Those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Speaker: In my opinion the yeas have it.

And more than five members having risen:

Mr. Speaker: In accordance with order made earlier this day, the members will be called in for this division at 5.45 o'clock this afternoon.

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[Translation]

OLD AGE SECURITY ACT

AMENDMENT TO INCREASE GUARANTEED INCOME SUPPLEMENT

Hon. Monique Bégin (Minister of National Health and Welfare) moved: That Bill C-5, to amend the Old Age Security Act, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs.

She said: Mr. Speaker, this is the first time I rise on second reading of a bill in the House, a piece of legislation I personally submitted to hon. members for consideration and I do hope to have their support. During the budget debate in April last, I had started discussing poverty in Canada and the urgency of doing more to increase share of national income for our most