

Private Members' Business

that he accompany the right hon. Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) in British Columbia.

[English]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): That is certainly not a point of order though it may be a point of debate or correction.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, could we just have clarification from the government side of the House as to whether Bill C-2 will be the first order of government business on Monday?

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, that is what I understand.

Mr. Lachance: Mr. Speaker, I believe that is the understanding. I presume it will be as the hon. member has indicated.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

[English]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): It being four o'clock the House will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed on today's order paper, namely, notices of motions, public bills and private bills.

Order No. 2; the hon. member for Lévis (Mr. Guay). Stand by unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Order No. 4; the hon. member for Ottawa West (Mr. Francis). Stand by unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Order No. 5; the hon. member for Egmont (Mr. MacDonald). Stand by unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Order No. 11; the hon. member for Don Valley (Mr. Gillies). Stand by unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Mr. Béchard.]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Order No. 12; the hon. member for Edmonton-Strathcona (Mr. Roche). Stand by unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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CENTRAL MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORPORATION

ADVISABILITY OF PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO BUILDERS FOR USE OF SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS

Mr. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport) moved:

That, in the opinion of this House, the government should consider the advisability of directing the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation to make appropriate changes in its lending policy regulations to provide incentives to builders and developers who incorporate in their building plans the use of passive solar energy designs and/or solar energy systems for space and water heating.

He said: Mr. Speaker, the motion before the House today, if it were approved this afternoon, in essence would direct the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation to make changes in its lending regulations to provide incentives to builders. When I refer to builders, I mean Canadians who build their own homes; builders who build on behalf of clients and developers. When I refer to developers, I mean individuals or any business which develops subdivisions in our urban areas. These incentives would be provided to builders who incorporate in their building plans the use of passive solar energy designs and/or solar energy systems for space and water heating.

In order to illustrate, I should like to put forward the following example for consideration by hon. members. A \$50,000 house usually qualifies for a mortgage in the neighbourhood of \$35,000, if it is approved by the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. This motion would add the cost of solar energy to the cost of the valuation of the mortgage as part of the mortgage itself. The expense incurred to include a solar package, which could be the design of a home, a domestic hot water heating system or any available technique, would be added and included in the mortgage that is made available to the builder or the developer who comes forward with a plan of this kind. At the present time, the regulations of CMHC do not permit the inclusion of this incentive. This is a very modest proposal in comparison to what the government has introduced so far.

There is in existence a valuable insulation program across this country which was announced by the Minister of State for Urban Affairs (Mr. Ouellet) last year. As a result of the budget of 1976, there is a federal sales tax exemption on the sale of solar equipment. In the province of Manitoba there is a refund by the provincial government to municipalities which reduce the assessments of homes that have solar heating equipment incorporated in them. Thus, there are a number of measures in place which help to show how extremely minute this measure is.