

**STATUTE LAW (FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS)
AMENDMENT ACT, 1987**

MEASURE TO ENACT

Hon. Tom Hockin (Minister of State (Finance)) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-81, an Act to amend certain Acts relating to financial institutions (No. 2).

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Minister have leave to introduce the said Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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

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[Translation]

LOBBYISTS REGISTRATION ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

Hon. Elmer M. MacKay (Minister of National Revenue) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-82, an Act respecting the registration of lobbyists.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Minister have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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

Mr. Speaker: When shall the Bill be read the second time? At the next sitting of the House?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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[English]

CRIMINAL CODE

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. Bob Kaplan (York Centre) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-263, an Act to amend the Criminal Code (contempt of court).

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the Bill?

Motions

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Kaplan: Madam Speaker, the law of contempt of court in Canada is in very bad disrepair. I am moving an amendment to the Criminal Code to try to improve it.

I am influenced very much by legislation brought to the Order Paper by the former Government which has not become law. I am thinking also of a decision recently in Toronto involving Harry Kopyko who was found guilty of contempt of court and had a serious penalty imposed upon him but was not allowed in his own defence to prove that the allegations he was making were true. I am not making the point that the allegations were true. I think Canadians were surprised to find that in that type of a situation the truth was irrelevant and not something that could be pleaded by an accused. This amendment, which I commend to the House, I hope will become law during this Parliament.

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

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FINANCE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

AUTHORIZATION TO TRAVEL

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, there have been discussions among the Parties and I believe that you would find that there is consent for two motions to be put and dealt with. The first motion is as follows:

That the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs be empowered to travel to Vancouver, Edmonton, Regina and Winnipeg from September 20 to September 25, 1987;

to Quebec City, Fredericton, Charlottetown, Halifax and St. John's (Newfoundland) from September 27 to September 30, 1987;

to Mont Ste-Marie (Quebec) on October 13, 14 and 15, 1987, for the purpose of drafting its report to the House;

and that the necessary staff do accompany the committee.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): Does the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary have the unanimous consent of the House to move the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.