

*Routine Proceedings***NATIONAL DEFENCE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

AUTHORIZATION FOR COMMITTEE TO TRAVEL

Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 56.1(1)(a), I move:

That eight members and the necessary staff of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs be authorized to travel to eastern and western Europe within the context of its current study on the role of the Canadian Forces in a changing world at any time between January 26, 1992 and February 16, 1992 for a period not exceeding a total of 15 days inclusive.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The House has heard the terms of the motion.

Will those members who object to the motion please rise in their places?

And less than 25 members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The motion is carried.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Riis: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I first of all want to make it clear that we did not stand in opposition to this motion because we had supported the motion in principle. But I do want to register strong opposition to the use of this Standing Order for this purpose.

Obviously when Standing Order 56.1 was drafted, the intention was that it would be used only when proper notice was impossible to give and action had to be taken. Obviously there was ample time for notice to be given, and I regret the use of this very Draconian Standing Order in this rather casual way.

I simply want to go on record to say that in future our co-operation certainly will not be forthcoming, and I want to say that this is inappropriate.

An hon. member: Oh, oh.

Mr. Riis: Shut up, Joe. Mr. Speaker, I listened when the hon. member for Yellowhead had something to say earlier.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): 'Tis the season to be jolly. Let's not get into that now.

[Translation]

Mr. Lapierre: Mr. Speaker, I am also very worried about the use of Standing Order 56.1(1)(a) in this case, to allow eight members to enjoy the perks of a trip around the world for two weeks.

The fact is that a very Draconian measure is being taken for the sake of a trip that will let members travel all over the globe. My point is, that this year the government is making the same mistake it made last year by offering—

[English]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I regret but that is the Standing Order.

[Translation]

Mr. Saint-Julien: Mr. Speaker, on the same point of order. We know how many members will be on this trip and how many weeks they will be away. However, I would like to know right away how much this is going to cost.

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[English]

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Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, I believe you will find that there is consent for me to move the following motion without debate or amendment:

That nine members and the necessary staff of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be authorized to travel to Washington, D.C., from February 9 to February 12, 1992 to study the American auditing and accountability system.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Members have heard the terms of the motion. Is it agreed?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Some hon. members: No.

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Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): I move: