

things simply stay static through the loss of revenue and the expenditure increases, will be \$1 billion in that year.

Am I wrong to conclude that there will be \$103 million in added expenditures due to indexing alone based on the 7.2 million cheques to which the Minister of National Health and Welfare referred earlier?

**Mr. Chrétien:** Mr. Chairman, we could go on ad nauseam making calculations. The hon. member asked me a precise question. I asked my officials to make calculations. We used the figure of 6 per cent. We multiplied the figures by 6 per cent, and we came to a net gain of \$45 million for next year rather than \$35 million. That was the calculation the hon. member asked us to make. If he changes the hypothesis and goes on to something else, we could spend eternity calculating. The hon. member's calculation included the \$690 million figure. The hon. member came to that. I do not think it is fair to ask me to make calculations in the House of Commons. There should be a limit to this nonsense. We are wasting time. I enjoy it; I do not mind—hon. members opposite can put all kinds of questions to us, and we can put figures into computers and produce replies—but this is just a waste of time. We have a good bureaucracy in this country, and it can make these calculations.

Our officials do not try to fool anybody. They are honest people who want to give us honest answers. I do not do the calculations myself. I do not pretend that I do, and I never will. I think it is pure nonsense to be caught up in this situation. I am in the midst of preparing my budget, and I am fed up with this kind of nonsense.

**Mr. Stevens:** Mr. Chairman, I rise on a point of order. The minister knows that I have requested this information twice. He has failed to give it to us. If he wants time, that is fine. I do not expect him to be able to calculate on his knee, but I have asked for this information twice. May we have it tomorrow, and not just for next year, in which I think there will be \$160 million at stake?

**The Deputy Chairman:** Order, please. I suggest to the hon. member for York-Simcoe that this is not a point of order but a point of debate.

Progress reported.

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## PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[English]

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the House that the questions to be raised at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Vegreville (Mr. Mazankowski)—Transport—Movement of

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grain to export positions; the hon. member for Annapolis Valley (Mr. Nowlan)—Canadian Broadcasting Corporation—Request for explanation of Prime Minister's comment on state of corporation; the hon. member for Winnipeg North (Mr. Orlikow)—Finance—Funds research and development.

## PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

[English]

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** It being five o'clock, the House will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed on today's order paper, namely, private bills, notices of motions (papers) and public bills. Since there are no items on the order paper under private bills and notices of motions (papers), the House will proceed to the consideration of private members' public bills.

Item No. 1 in the name of the hon. member for Calgary North (Mr. Woolliams).

**Some hon. Members:** Stand.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The motion stands by unanimous consent.

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## BILL OF RIGHTS FOR CHILDREN ACT

MEASURE TO PROTECT FREEDOM AND DIGNITY OF CHILDREN

**Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East)** moved that Bill C-204, respecting a Canadian Bill of Rights for Children, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please. Before proceeding with the consideration of item No. 4, I would appreciate if the House would allow me a few minutes to put in front of hon. members some of my preoccupation regarding a few private members' public bills which, at this time appear on the order paper.

At the beginning of every session the Chair always is in a situation to authorize the first reading in one block of a great number of private members' public bills, without having the chance to pass judgment on their procedural acceptability. Thus, it is always with a reservation or caveat that first reading is given, with the understanding that the Chair may, upon consideration of second reading stage of such bills, inform members of some irregularities or infringement of the rules or practices of the House.

Although there seems to be a disposition by unanimous consent to refer the subject matter of Bill C-204 to committee, and I am sure no member would oppose the objective of the bill which is scheduled today for private member's hour, this bill includes an irregularity which creates a doubt about its