

Mr. Jack Shields (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): In so far as the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources is concerned:

1. Yes. (a) Three occasions.

(b) & (c) 1. Hon. John C. Crosbie. (i) September 20, 1987, (ii) Prince Rupert—Ottawa, (iii) equivalent commercial rates for chartered craft—\$4,000, (iv) government business.

2. Hon. Marcel Masse. (i) September 27 and 28, 1987, (ii) Quebec City—Calgary, Calgary—Ottawa, (iii) equivalent commercial rates for chartered craft—\$7,500, (iv) government business.

3. Hon. Marcel Masse. (i) October 10 and 12, 1987, (ii) Quebec City—Chicago, Chicago—Ottawa, (iii) equivalent commercial rates for chartered craft—\$4,500, (iv) government business.

2. Hon. John Crosbie—Information not available. Hon. Marcel Masse—Yes.

September 27 and 28, 1987

(a) & (b) Daniel Carrier,
Executive Assistant to the Minister.

Bob Evans,
Press Secretary.

(c) Government business.

October 10 and 12, 1987

(a) & (b) Daniel Carrier,
Executive Assistant to the Minister.

Bob Evans,
Press Secretary.

Penny Gotzaman,
(public servant),
Policy Advisor.

Mrs. Masse,
Minister's wife.

(c) Government business except for Mrs. Masse, who was officially invited by the American Gas Association to accompany the Minister.

[English]

Mr. Hawkes: I ask that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: The question as enumerated by the Parliamentary Secretary has been answered. Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Excise Tax Act

[Translation]

MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I ask that all notices of motions for the production of papers be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Is that agreed?

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 has passed Bill C-95, an Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the Government of Canada for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1988.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

EXCISE TAX ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. Tom Hockin (for the Minister of Finance) moved that Bill C-101, an Act to amend the Excise Tax Act, be read the second time and, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee of the Whole.

He said: Mr. Speaker, I have some very brief comments to make pursuant to the agreement the House Leaders made earlier this day with regard to this Bill. I would like to make a few comments, however brief, because it is an important Bill.

The main purpose of this Bill is to extend the fuel tax rebate program for primary producers for two years to December 31, 1989. The Bill will also implement other proposals relating to the excise taxes on motive fuels announced by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) in his Budget Speech on February 18, 1987. These include the one-cent per litre increase in the excise taxes on motive fuels and an equivalent increase in the fuel tax rebates payable to primary producers to offset the tax increase.

[Translation]

The fuel tax rebate program provides for a refund of taxes paid by primary producers on fuel bought for their production operations. Farmers get a full refund of the federal and excise taxes they pay on this kind of fuel. Federal sales taxes are paid back to other primary producers—fishermen, forest resources operators, hunters and trappers, to name some. In addition, all