

based on previous experience. It is an experiment. The barricades will be removed as quickly as possible, as soon as it is seen they are not needed. I think that moment has arrived already. It is an experience which I hope we will be able to assess collectively, to see whether the same kinds of precautions are necessary in future, but it is not possible to put questions of the kind the hon. member raised here. I do want the hon. member to know, however, that his question was a very important one.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

PROTECTION OF CANADIANS ON HIJACKED FRENCH AIRCRAFT

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I directed a question to the Prime Minister. I had forgotten that the Parliamentary Secretary to the Secretary of State for External Affairs was in the House. I understand she has an answer for me. This is a very important question about Canadians on the French airliner hijacked in Angola. As we will be recessing for a long weekend, I hope that she will be permitted to make some kind of statement.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Such a procedure requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is it agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Translation]

Miss Bégin: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

I thank the House and the hon. member. All I can add, Mr. Speaker, is that we are indeed very happy to be able to confirm that Mrs. Pearla Bitton was among the 47 hostages that were freed by the hijackers. I can also say that in addition to the four Canadian citizens being held, we believe there are five other persons who are connected with Canada, that is who are said to be landed immigrants or who have close relatives in Canada.

I believe the hon. member also wanted to know whether the right hon. Prime Minister or the Secretary of State for External Affairs has been in touch with the president of Uganda. We have not operated that way to date. To protect the lives of all hostages still being held, the policy of the government has naturally been to say as little as possible about the transactions underway and for which the government of Uganda has assumed all responsibility.

[English]

Mr. Grafftey: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Outside the House of Commons today and again inside the House, as he has done repeatedly, the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Whelan) stated that I said that under his dairy policy the farmers were being paid too much. The minister seems to think there is a conflict of interest between consumer rights and producer rights. What I did say in the House of Commons some weeks ago was that the Minister of Agriculture had attained—

Income Tax

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Up to this point the hon. member is expressing a difference of opinion with the Minister of Agriculture. It is significant, of course. However, the trouble I have is whether it constitutes a point of order. If the hon. member has a point of order, I would ask him to please state it.

Mr. Grafftey: Mr. Speaker, I regret having to take the time of the House, but this is most serious. The Minister of Agriculture said that I said that under his program the farmers were being paid too much. I challenge the minister to find out within the next three or four days where I said that, inside the House or outside the House. At no time did I state that the farmers were being paid too much under his program. I challenge the minister to stop playing petty politics and produce that statement that was made inside or outside the House, because it was not made by me.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Sixth report of Standing Committee on Public Accounts in both English and French—Mr. Crouse.

REGULATIONS AND OTHER STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker on behalf of the hon. member for Halifax-East Hants (Mr. McCleave) I have the honour to present the ninth report of the Standing Joint Committee on Regulations and other Statutory Instruments. If the House gives its consent, I will move concurrence in this report later this day. The report is in French and in English.

[Editor's Note: For text of above Report see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

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INCOME TAX ACT

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (for the Minister of Finance) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-97, to amend the statute law relating to income tax, (No. 3).

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

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REGULATIONS AND OTHER STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

CONCURRENCE IN NINTH REPORT OF STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Baldwin) indicated earlier that he would be seeking the