

*Government Orders*

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

**The Chairman:** Shall I adjourn the sitting and report on the bill?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

(Bill reported.)

• (2020)

**Hon. Allan Rock (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, Lib.)** moved that the bill be concurred in.

**The Deputy Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

(Motion agreed to.)

**The Deputy Speaker:** When will the bill be read the third time? Now, with leave of the House?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

[English]

**Mr. Rock** moved that the bill be read the third time and passed.

(Motion agreed to, bill read the third time and passed.)

**The Deputy Speaker:** I am sure, colleagues, that in the name of all of us we thank the Manning family for being with us tonight for this very special occasion.

**Some hon. members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Rock:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order in respect of a response that I gave on June 1, 1995 to a question from the hon. member for Kootenay East dealing with agents supported by the government in criminal matters.

In response I said that there had been a significant decrease in government expenditures on agents. I suggested that spending on agents in 1994 was some 25 per cent less than in 1993. I have since been informed the answer was not accurate, that the calculation was based on a partial year and not a full year.

Although a number of savings have been made, they do not amount to the 25 per cent range. In the fiscal year 1994-95 we expect a reduction in the level of expenditures for the cost of standing agents in criminal law matters but the reduction will not be 25 per cent.

We will furnish particulars of what the savings are when they are known.

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#### GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION ACT (FEDERAL AGENCIES)

**Hon. Allan Rock (for the President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Minister responsible for Public Service Renewal, Lib.):** moved that Bill C-65, an act to reorganize and dissolve certain federal agencies be read a third time and passed.

**Mr. John English (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to participate in this debate on Bill C-65.

The purpose of the bill is to reorganize and dissolve certain federal agencies. I have spoken on the bill several times before. I do not intend to repeat what was said at that point but I would like to point out its historic importance.

The purpose of the bill is to end overlap and duplication of federal agencies, simplify government and reduce costs. Under the leadership of the Minister for Public Service Renewal, 350 boards and agencies were reviewed.

Bill C-65 represents the first legislative step in that overview and the result is 22 agencies and 6 departments have been affected. Seven agencies have been wound up and 15 restructured. In all, no less than 150 order in council positions have been eliminated.

A second stage of the review will take place in the fall and will result in the loss of 314 patronage positions. Fifty-one agencies will be eliminated and the savings in total will amount to approximately \$5 million.

All of these factors are important: the elimination of overlap and duplication, simplification of government and the reduction of cost. What is important with this bill is for the first time in 40 years so-called patronage positions have been eliminated within the federal government. We have accomplished this and we will continue to carry out this review in the future.

I am sure all members of the House will join with me in supporting this important bill which makes a historic approach to simplifying and improving government.

**The Deputy Speaker:** Is the House ready for the question?

[Translation]

**Some hon. members:** Question.

**The Deputy Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. members:** On division.

**The Deputy Speaker:** I declare the motion carried on division.

(Bill read the third time and passed.)

[English]

**Mr. Peter Milliken (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, we have made excellent progress today. I thank the hon. member for Kindersley—Lloydminster, the hon. member for Roberval, the hon. member for Laurier—Sainte-Marie, the hon. member for Calgary Centre and all my colleagues and ministers who have been here today to assist in seeing the proceedings went smoothly.