

give concurrence to the proposal that he move the motion on behalf of the Hon. Member. In fact, to save time, I want to tell him that we are not ready to agree to the Hon. Member moving the motion.

I would be happy to discuss the matter further at an early meeting of House Leaders.

Mr. Riis: Mr. Speaker, I simply want to indicate that we are also unprepared at this time to give the necessary unanimous consent. Perhaps we ought to have further discussions and consider it later.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Question answered orally is indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following question will be answered today: No. 14.

[Text]

RECRUITMENT OF OFFICERS IN RCMP

Question No. 14—**Mr. Nunziata:**

1. How many officers in the RCMP represent (a) native Indian or Inuit (b) black African (c) Indian/Pakistani (d) Oriental (e) Arab (f) Jewish ethnic or racial groups?

2. Are steps being taken to encourage the recruitment of officers who represent visible minorities and, if so, what are they?

Hon. James Kelleher (Solicitor General of Canada): 1. The RCMP is unable to provide the data requested, as the RCMP application and personnel forms do not contain any questions which could identify an applicant or serving member by race, national origin, color or religion.

The RCMP employs, through a special program, 189 Native Special Constables in regular policing duties associated with Canada's native people, at several locations. For the reasons stated above, however, no further information exists on the numbers of native people, or those from any specific ethnic/racial background who are serving in the RCMP.

2. Yes. RCMP recruiting affords enhanced employment opportunity to four applicant categories, one of which is indigenous persons (Indians, Métis, Inuit).

The RCMP attempts to encourage Canadians of other ethnic backgrounds to consider a career in the Force by advertising for recruits in publications produced by visible minority groups. In addition, the RCMP has participated actively through the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police in co-operation with the Minister responsible for Multiculturalism to improve the delivery of police services to Canada's ethnic communities into the policing profession.

[English]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The question as enumerated by the Parliamentary Secretary has been answered.

Senate and House of Commons Act

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

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

Mr. Doug Lewis (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. Deputy Speaker: Shall all Notices of Motions for the Production of Papers be allowed to stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

SENATE AND HOUSE OF COMMONS ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council) moved that Bill C-20, an Act to amend the Senate and House of Commons Act, be read the second time and referred to a legislative committee.

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to begin second reading debate on Bill C-20. Perhaps we could wrap it up today. The Bill was introduced in the House on November 5. In speaking to it, I think it is necessary to give the House the history of what we as the Government have been trying to do.

Through the 1984 Economic Statement and two Budgets, the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) has established a coherent and co-ordinated program to scale down the burden of Government, to improve our competitive position, and to free up our human, physical, and capital resources for use in a productive capacity.

There is under way a determined and planned process of deficit reduction, with 70 per cent of the reduction coming from expenditure cuts and only 30 per cent from increased revenue. For the first time in 40 years discretionary spending has been reduced.

The House will also remember that we instituted a task force on program review in which the private sector and public servants got together to review the efficiency of Government