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• (1530)

[English]

The Chair (Mr. Dave MacKenzie (Oxford, CPC)): This is the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs, meeting number 6.

The orders of the day are determination of non-votable items pursuant to Standing Order 91.1(1).

Mr. Michel Bédard (Committee Researcher): The first bill to examine is Bill C-419. This bill requires that any person appointed as an officer of Parliament understand and clearly express himself or herself in both official languages.

This bill does not concern questions outside federal jurisdiction. It does not clearly violate the Constitution, including the charter. It does not concern questions that are substantially the same as ones already voted on in the current session, and it does not concern questions currently on the order paper as items of government business.

The Chair: Are there any questions? Everyone's satisfied that it can go forward?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

The Chair: Okay, thank you.

We'll go to the second one.

Mr. Michel Bédard: Bill C-462 will restrict the amount of fees a consultant can charge in respect of a disability tax credit request.

This bill does not appear to be outside federal jurisdiction. It does not appear to clearly violate the Constitution, including the charter. It does not concern questions on private members' bills already voted on in the current session, and it does not concern questions currently on the order paper as items of government business.

The Chair: Is everyone satisfied?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

The Chair: Okay, thank you.

We're on number three.

Mr. Michel Bédard: Bill C-444 proposes amendments to the Criminal Code that would establish personating a peace or public officer for the purpose of committing another offence as aggravating circumstances for sentencing purposes.

This bill does not appear to concern questions outside federal jurisdiction. It does not appear to clearly violate the Constitution, including the charter. It does not concern questions already voted on in the current session, and it does not concern questions currently on the order paper as items of government business.

The Chair: Is everybody satisfied?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

The Chair: Thank you.

We're on number four.

Mr. Michel Bédard: Bill C-457 would repeal the Clarity Act.

This bill does not concern questions that are outside federal jurisdiction. It does not clearly violate the Constitution, including the charter. It does not concern questions that are substantially the same as ones already voted on in the current session, and it does not concern questions currently on the order paper as items of government business.

The Chair: You'd be in favour of that Mr. Dion?

[Translation]

Hon. Stéphane Dion (Saint-Laurent—Cartierville, Lib.): Yes.

[English]

The Chair: Okay. Can it go forward?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

The Chair: Thank you.

We're on the next one.

Mr. Michel Bédard: Bill C-452 would amend the Criminal Code in respect of exploitation of a person by another and procuring and trafficking in persons.

This bill does not appear to be outside federal jurisdiction. It does not appear to clearly violate the Constitution, including the charter. It does not concern questions already voted on in the current session, and it does not concern questions similar to items of government business currently on the order paper.

The Chair: Can it go forward?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

The Chair: Thank you.

Mr. Michel Bédard: Bill C-463 would amend the Income Tax Act and it would enact the Discover Your Canada Act. It would provide a new deduction for travel expenses for travel within Canada.

This bill does not concern questions that are outside of federal jurisdiction. It does not appear to clearly violate the Constitution, including the charter. It does not concern questions substantially the same as ones already voted on in the current session, and it does not concern questions currently on the order paper as items of government business.

● (1535)

The Chair: Can it go forward?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

The Chair: Thank you.

Mr. Michel Bédard: Bill C-458 would designate the last seven days of February as National Charities Week. It would also amend the Income Tax Act to extend the deadline for charitable, crown, cultural, and ecological gifts until the end of February.

This bill does not concern questions that are outside federal jurisdiction. It does not appear to clearly violate the Constitution, including the charter. It does not concern questions already voted on in the current session, and it does not concern questions currently on the order paper as items of government business.

The Chair: Can it go forward?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

The Chair: Thank you.

Mr. Michel Bédard: Bill C-460 would implement a sodium reduction strategy for Canada.

This bill does not concern questions outside federal jurisdiction. It does not clearly violate the Constitution, including the charter. It does not concern questions that are substantially the same as ones already voted on in the current session, and it does not concern questions currently on the order paper as items of government business.

The Chair: Can it go forward?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

The Chair: Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Michel Bédard: The next bill is Bill C-464. This bill would amend the Canada Labour Code with respect to a leave of absence, and the Employment Insurance Act with respect to parental benefits in the case of multiple births and adoptions.

This bill does not concern questions outside federal jurisdiction. It does not appear to clearly violate the Constitution, including the charter. It does not concern questions already voted on in the current session, and it does not concern questions currently on the order paper as an item of government business.

The Chair: Can it go forward?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

The Chair: Okay. Thank you.

[Translation]

Mr. Michel Bédard: Motion M-400 asks for the opinion of the House regarding the fact that the government should study the possibility of establishing financial support programs that would bring up to standard the septic systems of homes not connected to a sanitation system.

This motion does not concern questions outside federal jurisdiction. It does not clearly violate the Constitution, including the charter. It does not concern questions that have already been voted on during this session. It does not concern questions on the order paper as items of government business.

[English]

The Chair: Can it go forward?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

The Chair: Okay. Thank you.

Next one.

[Translation]

Mr. Michel Bédard: Bill C-266 would designate the second day of April in each and every year as Pope John Paul II Day.

The bill does not concern questions outside federal jurisdiction and does not clearly violate the Constitution, including the charter. It does not concern items that have already been voted on during the current session. It does not concern questions on the order paper as items of government business.

[English]

The Chair: Can it go forward?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

The Chair: Okay. Thank you.

[Translation]

Mr. Michel Bédard: Bill C-459 would enact an Act regarding the rights of air passengers.

This bill does not concern questions outside federal jurisdiction. It does not clearly violate the Constitution, including the charter. It does not concern questions that are substantially the same as ones the House has already voted on during this session. It does not concern questions on the order paper as items of government business.

[English]

The Chair: Can it go forward?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

The Chair: Okay. Thank you.

[Translation]

Mr. Michel Bédard: Motion M-412 concerns a government loan guarantee to the Lower Churchill hydroelectric projet.

This motion does not concern questions outside federal jurisdiction. It does not clearly violate the Constitution, including the charter. It does not concern questions that are substantially the same as ones the House has already voted on during this session. It does not concern questions on the order paper as items of government business.

[*English*]

The Chair: Can it go forward?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

The Chair: Okay. Thank you.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Michel Bédard: Bill C-380 would amend the Fish Inspection Act to prohibit the importation of shark fins and the Fisheries Act to prohibit the practice of shark finning.

This bill does not concern questions outside federal jurisdiction and does not clearly violate the Constitution, including the charter. It does not concern questions that are substantially the same as ones the House has already voted on during this session. It does not concern questions on the order paper as items of government business.

• (1540)

[*English*]

The Chair: Can it go forward?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

The Chair: Okay. Thank you.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Michel Bédard: Bill C-461 would amend the Access to Information Act and the Privacy Act, with regard to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, as well as the Privacy Act, with regard to the definition of “personal information”.

This bill does not concern questions outside federal jurisdiction. It does not violate the Constitution, including the charter. It does not concern questions that have already been voted on during this session. It does not concern questions on the order paper as items of government business.

[*English*]

The Chair: We have a motion as follows: That the Subcommittee present a report listing those items which it has determined should not be designated non-votable and recommending that they be considered by the House.

(Motion agreed to)

The Chair: The meeting is adjourned.

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