

then change the whole record. I think that is a very important principle.

Madam Speaker: I have *Hansard* here. If the minister states, as he did today, that the figure he meant to quote was such, then that corrected figure will appear in the bound version of *Hansard*. However, as to the use of the word "luxuries", I think the minister did have a chance to change that word at the time of his statement, and I am afraid that will remain as it is now. Today the intervention of the minister will indicate that he would have preferred to say "items". That will also appear in the bound version because it is an official intervention in this House. But the figures, where the minister has indicated there was a slight discrepancy in those he thought were the correct ones, will be changed in the bound version.

Mr. Rae: Madam Speaker, I am happy to have gotten half a loaf, but I am concerned. If the record is to be an accurate record of what in fact happens in the House of Commons, surely it should indicate that ministers when answering questions often give figures which are not 100 per cent correct and which are not an entirely accurate reflection. Usually the inaccuracy occurs on the high side when they are giving away money and on the low side when they are talking about their deficits.

If *Hansard* is the reflection of what goes on in the House of Commons, it seems to me that that fact should be reflected in the record and the record should not be changed. I have no objection to something being starred the next day with the notation "see the following page"; but I do have an objection the figures being changed, and it seems to me that is the principle which is involved. If the minister says in the House in his own words—and this an electronic *Hansard*—the figure of \$1 million and not \$927,000, then the \$1 million figure should stand as the record of what he said on that day.

Madam Speaker: I am afraid the hon. member will have to be satisfied with half a loaf because this is not a ruling I am making. I am referring to a long standing custom in the House that someone who makes a statement in the House and the next day discovers there is a discrepancy in the figures quoted is allowed to signal that to the House, and the bound version of *Hansard* reflects that correction. I do not intend to change this long-standing custom of the House in this respect.

Order Paper Questions

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ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

FISHERIES AND FORESTRY

CONCURRENCE IN FIFTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Alexandre Cyr (Gaspé) moved that the fifth report of the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Forestry, presented to the House on Thursday, June 11, 1981, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

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[English]

PETITION

MR. SKELLY—USE OF UREA FORMALDEHYDE FOAM INSULATION

Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox-Powell River): Madam Speaker, I seek the permission of the House to lay before it a petition signed by several hundred citizens concerning the economic loss and health hazards experienced resulting from the substance urea formaldehyde being placed in their homes.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. D. M. Collenette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 2,193, 2,230, 2,551, 2,552 and 2,556.

[Text]

FEDERAL PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF CONSUMPTION TAXES AND FEES

Question No. 2,193—**Mr. Herbert:**

Does the government make payments to the provinces in lieu of provincial consumption taxes and fees on its purchases of goods and services and, if so, what amount was paid last year by the provinces as federal consumption taxes on their purchases of goods and services and what amount is estimated to be paid in the current year?

Hon. Pierre Bussières (Minister of State (Finance)): The federal government makes payments in lieu of provincial consumption taxes and fees to six provinces who have signed Reciprocal Taxation Agreements. The four western-most provinces have not signed Reciprocal Taxation Agreements. With respect to the amount of federal consumption taxes paid by the provinces, these taxes are levied at the manufacturer's level and are in most cases already built into the retail price of goods. Revenue Canada-Customs and Excise, which is the department responsible for collecting federal sales and excise taxes, does not keep records of the incidence of tax by