

Oil and Petroleum

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as follows: No.

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QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN**AGRICULTURE—ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR IMPORT OF EXOTIC BREEDS OF CATTLE**

Question No. 1,846—**Mr. Neil:**

1. With respect to permits issued by the Department of Agriculture in 1974 for import of exotic breeds of cattle, how many (a) individuals (b) partnerships (c) cooperatives or corporations received permits to import more than one animal?

2. What are (a) the names and addresses of the (i) individuals (ii) partnerships (iii) cooperatives or corporations who received permits (b) the number of permits in each instance?

3. With respect to Part 2, how many permits did each receive in the previous years 1970-73 inclusive?

Return tabled.

Mr. Paproski: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. On numerous occasions I have inquired about questions on the order paper in my name concerning CIDA. They have to do with the criteria used in awarding contracts. They are very simple questions, and there must be files in respect of each contract. There should not be any difficulty in producing those files and providing me with answers. Surely this government had nothing to hide.

Mr. Reid: Mr. Speaker, the minister has been out of the country for a week and until he is back we cannot produce the answers.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[Translation]

PETROLEUM ADMINISTRATION ACT**MEASURE RESPECTING THE ADMINISTRATION OF INTERPROVINCIAL, EXPORT AND IMPORT TRADE IN PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS**

The House resumed, from Thursday, April 17, consideration in committee of Bill C-32, to impose a charge on the export of crude oil and certain petroleum products, to provide compensation for certain petroleum costs and to regulate the price of Canadian crude oil and natural gas in interprovincial and export trade—**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale)**—**Mr. Laniel** in the Chair.

[English]

The Chairman: When the committee rose on Thursday, April 17, clauses 5 and 12 had been allowed to stand and the committee had started its consideration of clause 16.

Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Chairman, the minister was going to give some thought to clause 12 in respect of a proposed amendment and the remarks of the hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands. We may be standing additional clauses and I wonder if the minister is now

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prepared to deal with this amendment. If he is not, we could perhaps move ahead.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Chairman, as I recall it, the point was made by the hon. member for Peace River that the type of scrutiny involved in this situation is already covered by the statutory instruments legislation. From our standpoint there is no difficulty at all in making a reference to the public accounts. I indicated that I would propose an amendment to that effect, but I wonder if this is not already covered under the existing law and therefore it is not necessary to add anything at this point.

Mr. Baldwin: I am satisfied, Mr. Chairman, but I do not know about the hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands. I put everything together and found there was a reasonable assumption that we had adequate protection.

Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): I would suggest that we go ahead and deal with clause 12.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Chairman, I wonder if we could put the amendment and then put clause 12 as amended, if the amendment carries.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

● (1510)

The Deputy Chairman: Order, please. The Chair is in some difficulty. We cannot find a copy of the amendment which has been presented to the committee, and it would be difficult for the Chair to put it until we find it.

On clause 16—*Records and books.*

Mr. Baldwin: While we are waiting, Mr. Chairman, I have a question or two I should like to ask the minister in respect of clause 16. I do not know whether it has been carried; I hope not. This is the clause which provides for the keeping of records and books. I shall not read it. The Clause is far reaching and some of us on this side are concerned about its contents.

I should like to ask the minister if there will be a requirement that provincial governments, agencies of provincial governments or Crown corporations shall keep books and records and make them available from time to time, as this clause appears to call for in so far as individuals and corporations are concerned. The minister might have some ideas on that.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Chairman, it would be the intention, just as in other taxing statutes, to stipulate that this requirement would apply generally so that the taxing authority would be in possession of all this information.

The Deputy Chairman: Order, please. Is the committee ready to make a decision on clause 16 while we are still searching for the amendment? Shall clause 16 carry?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Clause agreed to.

On clause 17—*Appeal.*