

Hon. Allan B. McKinnon (Minister of National Defence and Minister of Veterans Affairs): Twenty-five head office positions have relocated or are in the process of relocating to Charlottetown as part of the advance party

Finance

1 Finance Officer
1 Finance Clerk
1 Insurance Accounts Supervisor
2 Insurance Accounts Clerks

Administrative Services

1 Chief of Administration
1 Head Material and Management
1 Head of Office Services
1 Central Registry Clerk
2 Word Processor Operators
1 Mail Room Clerk
1 Mail Sorting and Distribution Clerk
1 File Management Clerk

Veterans Services

1 Chief Veterans Insurance
1 Supervisor, Treatment Statistics
2 Death Claims Clerks
1 Policy Contract Clerk
1 Morbidity Classification Clerk
1 Statistics Edit Clerk
1 Stenographer

Personnel

1 Senior Staffing Officer
1 Staffing Assistant
1 Receptionist

CANADIAN GRAIN COMMISSION

Question No. 473—**Mr. Herbert:**

In each of the past five years, what amount was transferred to the Canada Grain Commission for Working Capital pursuant to section 13 of the Canada Grain Act?

Hon. John Wise (Minister of Agriculture): None.

AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES STABILIZATION ACCOUNT

Question No. 475—**Mr. Herbert:**

As at March 31 in each of the past five years, what amount was outstanding in the accounts of Canada in respect of the Agricultural Commodities Stabilization account?

Hon. John Wise (Minister of Agriculture): None.

CANADIAN GRAIN COMMISSION

Question No. 476—**Mr. Herbert:**

As at March 31 in each of the past five years, what amount was outstanding in the accounts of Canada in respect of advances to the Canada Grain Commission for Working Capital pursuant to section 13 of the Canada Grain Act?

Hon. John Wise (Minister of Agriculture): None.

FRANKING PRIVILEGES

Question No. 527—**Mr. de Jong:**

Has the Postmaster General considered allowing franking privileges to members of provincial legislatures?

Hon. John A. Fraser (Postmaster General and Minister of the Environment): No.

POST OFFICE—ST-ZOTIQUE, QUEBEC

Question No. 687—**Mr. Herbert:**

Is a post office scheduled for construction in St-Zotique, Quebec and, if so, in what year?

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Hon. John A. Fraser (Postmaster General and Minister of the Environment): Yes, fiscal year 1982/83.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker: The questions enumerated by the parliamentary secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 26

[English]

ENERGY

ADDITIONAL EXPORT OF NATURAL GAS

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa): Mr. Speaker, I ask leave, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles), to move the adjournment of the House under Standing Order 26 for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter requiring urgent consideration, namely, the announcement by the Government of Canada allowing the export of an additional 3.75 trillion cubic feet of natural gas, an unacceptable sellout of our needed energy resources, coming at a time when Canadians face a winter threatened by even greater oil shortages.

It is imperative that an emergency debate take place today, Mr. Speaker, for reasons even more pressing than those which led to a similar debate in the Ontario legislature before the weekend. This House should be given an immediate opportunity to debate the serious continuing energy supply situation which has been exacerbated by the decision to export much additional natural gas which should be kept here in Canada.

● (1610)

Mr. Speaker: In accordance with the terms of Standing Order 26, the hon. member for Oshawa (Mr. Broadbent) gave the Chair the appropriate notice, so I have had an opportunity to consider whether or not the subject of the hon. member's motion is in fact proper to be considered pursuant to Standing Order 26, and therefore whether it should precipitate a special debate.

There are two paragraphs of the rule upon which I rely in not finding the motion an acceptable one. The first is paragraph (16)(a) of the rule, which reads as follows:

The right to move the adjournment of the House for the above purposes is subject to the following conditions:

(a) The matter proposed for discussion must relate to a genuine emergency, calling for immediate and urgent consideration;

The phrase "genuine emergency" is not capable of precise definition necessarily, but I must take into account the fact that the word "genuine" is used for a specific reason by the drafters of the rule. While I can never say it rules out forever a