

Privilege—Mr. Caccia

not allocate money in the upcoming Budget for child care? He found emergency funds for the banks. Will he find them for children?

Hon. Jake Epp (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, the Government of Canada found money for pensioners whose pension funds were in jeopardy in the banks; that is what it found money for. The Government of Canada found money for grain farmers, principally in western Canada. In respect to the individual point which the Hon. Member makes, some provinces put forward a request. By the way, her numbers change. A few weeks ago it was \$150 million; this week it is over \$300 million. I wonder what it will be next week. That is how consistent she is. I would suggest to her that she start getting her—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Hon. Member for Cape Breton—The Sydneys on just one question.

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INVESTMENT CANADA

SALE OF WEST KOOTENAY POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY

Mr. Russell MacLellan (Cape Breton—The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. On November 6 the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources stated in a speech in Toronto that it was not the policy of the Government to approve acquisitions by non-Canadians of Canadian companies valued in excess of \$5 million and in a healthy state. The Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion now says that that applies only to oil and gas companies and does not apply to West Kootenay Power and Light Company. Why is the Government abandoning its own policies in its rush to give away to foreigners our natural resources and our public utilities?

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I should like to respond to the Hon. Member. It is a very important question. Given the specifics of it, I would ask the Hon. Member if he might be so patient as to wait until the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion returns to the House on Monday.

Mr. Speaker: This will be the last question. The Hon. Member for St. Catharines.

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CANADA SHIPPING ACT

AMENDING LEGISLATION—REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF COST RECOVERY CLAUSE

Mr. Joe Reid (St. Catharines): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport. He will know that Bill C-75, respecting the former revised Canada Shipping Act, was generally well received by all except for Clause 4, the cost recovery clause. Will the Minister introduce new legislation

containing safety and the other beneficial provisions contained in the former Bill C-75, without the inclusion of the offensive cost recovery clause?

Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased the Hon. Member asked that question because the provisions of Bill C-75 are extremely important in connection with the safety of shipping and other matters dealt with in the Bill. I have decided—and it has been concurred in by my colleagues in Cabinet—that we should reintroduce the legislation without Clause 4. We will go forward with consultation with all interested parties in the shipping industry to see how the cost recovery provisions can best be formulated. After this period of consultation we will introduce new legislation. This is as a result of the representations made to me by Conservative Members of the House of Commons Transport Committee.

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Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Davenport on a question of privilege. I see the Hon. Member for Yorkton—Melville seeking the floor. I will recognize him in a moment.

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PRIVILEGE

OMISSION FROM QUOTATION

Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport): Your Honour, this is my first opportunity to make this point relating to an exchange in Question Period two days ago.

Mr. Speaker: I should advise the Hon. Member that I find his application completely in order. I am not concerned about notice.

Mr. Caccia: I was saddened and upset yesterday to discover in the evidence a serious and fundamental discrepancy between the oral reply, as registered in the electronic record, given by the Minister of the Environment (Mr. McMillan), when we exchanged questions and answers on acid rain, and the printed record in *Hansard*.

There is a word of fundamental importance, I submit to you, which the Minister chose to omit after having identified a document, the Envoy's Report on Acid Rain, and after having identified a specific page. Having done so, the Minister quoted from the document and decided, in my submission, deliberately, to omit the word "research", which was fundamental in that particular exchange, thus distorting the dynamics of that question and answer.

Having done so, Mr. Speaker, I have to raise this point because I find that behaviour unacceptable and affecting the privilege of Members, because that is not the way of quoting, in a selective manner. By omitting a specific key word, namely, "research", which is the essence of that particular Envoy's