

I have to bear in mind not only the importance of the subject but the desirability of getting round to as many other hon. members as possible. As I say, individual members may never be entirely happy about the way in which this discretion is exercised, but the Chair must decide and it can never, in my view, constitute a question of privilege.

Mr. Stevens: My question of privilege is that I put this serious question to the Prime Minister—

Some hon. Members: Sit down!

Some hon. Members: Order!

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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

ALLEGED BIAS ON SUBJECT OF ABORTION—SUGGESTION ALLIANCE FOR LIFE GROUP BE INVITED TO APPEAR ON NETWORK

Mr. Jean-R. Roy (Timmins): A question to the Secretary of State, Mr. Speaker. According to information given to me Dr. Henry Morgenthaler and the prohibitionists—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Roy (Timmins): —and the pro-abortionists have had many opportunities to appear on CBC while the Alliance for Life group has been refused the same opportunity. Will the minister assure us that the policy of the CBC is not to promote abortion and will he see to it that a proper balance is re-established by ensuring the Alliance for Life group an opportunity to appear on the network?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): I am perfectly satisfied that the corporation has no particular bias on this subject.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Faulkner: However, I will make sure that the hon. member's representation is made known to the corporation.

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POST OFFICE

ALLEGED POOR SERVICE IN CALGARY—GOVERNMENT ACTION

Mr. Peter C. Bawden (Calgary South): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Postmaster General. In Calgary, a couple of weeks ago, the Postmaster General indicated that the mail service in that city had improved immensely and that the rating had gone up from a figure of 30 to 80, almost the highest rating possible. In the light of a recent mail test in Calgary which showed that approximately 80 per cent of the first class mail was delivered late and that 6 per cent of the mail was not delivered at all—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Oral Questions

Mr. Bawden: —though posted in the "guaranteed mail" boxes, will the minister explain this post office rating and tell us when this disastrous mess will be cleaned up?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Postmaster General): The hon. member conveniently failed to tell us who made the test and how many letters were included? I understand it was a newspaper and I think the conclusions were based on 20 letters mailed in Calgary. I would suggest that the hon. member, who comes from Calgary, should show a little more basic confidence in the ability of the employees in Calgary to do their jobs properly.

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CONSUMER AFFAIRS

ALLEGED MISLEADING ADVERTISING BY POST OFFICE—GOVERNMENT ACTION

Mr. Peter C. Bawden (Calgary South): My supplementary is to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. In view of the farce being perpetrated at the expense of the Canadian people by this misleading advertizing in the Post Office, will the minister tell us why he is not prepared to step in and end this dishonesty?

[Translation]

Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): I think the remarks made by the hon. member have been particularly disproved by the Postmaster General, and I do not attach more importance to his second question than to his first one.

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NATIONAL CAPITAL

ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE TO STUDY FULLERTON REPORT—SUGGESTED CONSULTATION ON TERMS OF REFERENCE

Mr. Walter Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister with respect to the Fullerton Report which was released to members of the House yesterday and to the press on Friday. Could the Prime Minister tell us when a joint committee of this House and of the Senate will be asked to study the report and whether it will be given a mandate to ensure that the process of consultation between all levels of government, federal, provincial and municipal, will be followed to the maximum degree, and, particularly, whether there will be consultation with the provinces, the regions and the local municipalities with respect to terms of reference of that committee so that all these interests can be represented during the course of the consideration given to this subject?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): According to my information there must have been a mistake in the preamble to the question. I am informed that copies were distributed to the members yesterday and that the press conference took place later in the afternoon, not earlier, as