

humbly request that consideration be given to the points raised by the hon. member for Yukon and mine as well. Also I humbly suggest that those points lead to the conclusion that it is an inappropriate omnibus bill; it is not the kind of omnibus amending bill which has been allowed, based on past practices.

Mr. Nielsen: Madam Speaker, unfortunately I was not in the chamber so I do not know whether the hon. member for Calgary Centre (Mr. Andre) made the submission that since this measure is not the order of business for today, tomorrow or Friday, the Chair has ample time to consider the matter and perhaps to render a ruling at the time the government calls the bill for second reading.

Madam Speaker: The point of order of which I received notice brought forth many points that I had not anticipated. Taking into account that presentations on both sides of the House were extremely complete and very well documented, I should certainly like to look at those references so as to judge the question because I know the ruling will be important to the House.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. John Campbell (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Veterans Affairs): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 2,232, 3,315, 3,442, 3,529 and 3,555.

[Text]

TICKET SALES AT CN STATION AT WOODSTOCK, ONT.

Question No. 2,232—**Mr. Halliday:**

What was the total amount of ticket sales made at the CN railway station in Woodstock, Ontario in each of the past five years?

Mr. Robert Bockstael (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): The management of VIA Rail Canada Inc. advises as follows: The information requested is of a proprietary nature and VIA Rail Canada Inc. believes it should not be made public for competitive reasons.

MOVEMENT OF BARGE

Question No. 3,315—**Mr. Nickerson:**

1. Does the Canadian Transport Commission prevent a barge, owned by a company other than the Northern Transportation Company and located in the lower Mackenzie or Beaufort Sea, from loading freight for a return voyage after being repaired at Hay River, Northwest Territories and, if so, does the barge have to be pushed back empty to its original location?

2. (a) Do the towing fees for a 1000-ton barge going from Tuktoyaktuk to Hay River and return total approximately \$100,000 (b) is there any chance of recovering revenues by hauling freight on the return trip and, if not (i) for what reason would such a regulation exist which results in lost economy and is detrimental to the Slave Lake ship-repairing industry (ii) will the government consider rescinding the pertinent regulation?

Order Paper Questions

Mr. Robert Bockstael (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): The Canadian Transport Commission advises as follows:

1. No. The water transport committee of the Canadian Transport Commission issues yearly licences to carriers on the Mackenzie River. Since these licences do not contain restrictions which limit carrier operations to one way movements, the CTC does not prevent a barge from loading freight for a return voyage after being repaired at Hay River.

2. (a) As fees depend on various factors, including tow configurations, it is not possible to identify a generally applicable fee for a given route.

(b) See answer to 1 above.

(i) and (ii) See answer to 1 above.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Question No. 3,442—**Mr. Hnatyshyn:**

Is there a summer employment program for students to work in cabinet ministers' offices and (a) if not, is such a program contemplated (b) if so, what was the scope of the program in (i) 1979 (ii) 1980 (iii) 1981?

Hon. Yvon Pinard (President of the Privy Council): A student summer employment program for ministers' offices was established in 1981.

(a) Not applicable.

(b) (i) Not applicable.

(ii) Not applicable.

(iii) Responsibilities of participants in the program varied in each office. Generally, their duties ranged from clerical assistance to research.

PREPARATION OF CMHC AD

Question No. 3,529—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Were employees of Graphic Artists, Studio S & B, 400 St. Antoine St. West, Montreal sworn to secrecy in connection with the details of housing provisions contained in the 1981 Budget and, if so (a) what were their names (b) on what date were they sworn to secrecy (c) were specific tasks performed by each individual for the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and, if so, what were they (d) at what time and on what date was information turned over to any one of the employees by the corporation or by anyone else in the government?

2. Was all the work performed by the company done in Montreal?

Hon. Paul J. Cosgrove (Minister of Public Works): I am informed by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation as follows:

1. The employees of Graphic Artists, Studio S & B, 400 St. Antoine Street West, Montreal, were not working on "details of housing provisions contained in the 1981 Budget". They were asked to undertake some preparatory work based on proposals which had been made to address the mortgage renewal problem resulting from high interest rates.

(a) Not applicable; (b) Not applicable; (c) Not applicable; (d) Not applicable.

2. Yes.