

leadership here, to recognize the deep concern of Canadians about public morality? Is he prepared to indicate to the House whether Senator Michel Cogger will follow the example of his Tory colleagues who are under investigation, do the honourable thing, and either resign or at the very least, get out of the Tory caucus while this is being investigated?

Mr. Hockin: Mr. Speaker, I must ask the hon. member, does he believe in fairness? Does he believe in justice? Does he believe in freedom to pursue a matter? That is going to be done, not on the floor of the House with these kinds of questions which are based on allegations that the hon. member knows are false or inaccurate. It will be done before the senator's peers at Senate committee. All of those questions will be answered there properly, and that is where it should be done.

The hon. member raises further questions in order to get all sorts of different stories running. All of this, in fairness to the senator, and in fairness to those who are interested in this, should be looked at before the committee of the Senate, and that is where it will be looked at.

Mr. Robinson: Mr. Speaker, it seems that there is one standard for some Tory members of Parliament and there is another standard quite different for buddies of the Prime Minister. That is what seems to be going on in the House.

[Translation]

My supplementary is as follows, Mr. Speaker. For several years we have been waiting for the government to table conflict of interest legislation. Bill C-114, tabled in February 1988, provides that a Member of Parliament may not use his position to try to influence, for the benefit of his own private interests, a decision made by another person. My supplementary is directed to the Deputy Prime Minister.

When will this Government table its conflict of interest legislation, especially considering the case of Richard Grisé who was convicted of influence peddling, and also the government's other problems with public morality?

Oral Questions

When will the government finally table its conflict of interest legislation?

• (1130)

[English]

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister, President of the Privy Council and Minister of Agriculture): Very soon, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. George S. Rideout (Moncton): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of State for Small Businesses and Tourism in the absence of the minister responsible for the Federal Business Development Bank.

It is well known that the bank keeps records of lawyers to whom it contracts work out. Will the minister provide to the House the FBDB's current list of lawyers whom they use for this outside work?

Hon. Tom Hockin (Minister of State (Small Businesses and Tourism)): Mr. Speaker, I think that is the kind of question that should be a written question for the House.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Ms. Clancy: What's the matter? Didn't you understand it?

Mr. Hockin: The hon. member is trying to make a different point with his question here in Oral Question Period.

The fact is that the Federal Business Development Bank does a great deal of legal work. It needs agents for its work with people who come before it for loans. It also does corporate work. It also makes major inquiries into major policy questions. All this requires lawyers. It has a list.

A written question being more precise, we would provide that list.

Mr. Rideout: Mr. Speaker, all we want is to get the facts, just a little information, and all we get is stonewalling.

My supplementary question is directed to the same minister. Now that the minister responsible for FBDB has confessed that Senator Cogger has indeed provided legal services to the bank after he was appointed a