

respect to any attempted interference in the deliberations of this Chamber.

I want to make one final point, Mr. Speaker, about one of the pieces of information that has come our way with respect to Mr. Treu. Mr. Treu was tried by a secret trial—the kind of trial for which we have all indicated our abhorrence in this House. It is the kind of thing that takes place in other countries. After the charge was brought against Mr. Treu he was offered another contract in the same area of endeavour that he had been pursuing, by NATO. The trial was so onerous it bankrupted him so that he was not in a position to accept the contract. It is that kind of pressure and that kind of secrecy that make it quite legitimate for any member of this House to make reference, by analogy, to Star Chamber proceedings. In doing that we are not being critical of any judge. The judge has his duties to perform, and that is quite separate and apart from any allegation of impropriety on the part of any individual judge.

I stand in my place today in strong support of my colleague, the hon. member for Peace River, who has done a service to the improvement of laws in this country, particularly the laws governing secrecy, the laws pertaining to disclosure on the part of government, and in this case with respect to the provisions of the Official Secrets Act. I am proud to do so.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. As I indicated earlier, the matter will be pursued further when the precise text of the judge's remarks is available to us.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

AGRICULTURE

Second report of Standing Committee on Agriculture—Mr. Smith (Saint-Jean).

[Editor's Note: For text of above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

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[English]

ANTI-INFLATION ACT

TABLING OF BOARD'S REPORTS

Mr. Ed Lumley (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to section 17(2) of the Anti-Inflation Act I wish to table, in both official languages, copies of two reports referred to the Administrator by the Anti-Inflation Board.

Order Paper Questions

EXPORT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC BOYCOTTS

Hon. Jack H. Horner (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to table in both official languages, the report of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce and the Export Development Corporation on the question of international economic boycotts.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Roger Young (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 126, 127 and 782.

[Text]

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

Question No. 126—Mr. Herbert:

Has the government considered the suggestion of the Official Languages Commissioner that aid to second-language teaching in the provinces might best be implemented through the Council of Ministers of Education and, if so, have any negotiations been commenced with the provinces?

Hon. John Roberts (Secretary of State): The council of ministers of education is already actively involved in two federal-provincial programs designed to promote a knowledge of both official languages. They are the summer language bursary and second-language monitor programs. Both these programs are funded by the federal government and administered by the council of ministers of education, in collaboration with the provincial departments of education. At the request of the council of ministers of education, the federal government has agreed to fund in 1977-78, two pilot projects under these two programs. The pilot projects will: (a) offer 100 bursaries to enable Francophone students from minority milieus to take a six-week immersion program to perfect their knowledge of French; and (b) provide 40 Francophone monitors to French-language schools in minority milieus to assist teachers of French as a first language and teachers of other subjects in French. In 1976, for the first time, a special project was submitted by the council of ministers of education and accepted for shared-cost funding. This project provided for short courses for school administrators and other educators involved in the teaching of English or French as a second language and for the compilation of a handbook for school administrators, outlining the administrative implications of the teaching of English or French as a second language. The project is intended to cover fiscal years 1976-77 and 1977-78. The present agreement concerning the federal-provincial program for bilingualism in education will expire on March 31, 1979. Discussions have already begun between the Secretary of State and the council of ministers of education as a preliminary stage to the negotiation of a new agreement. This is the first time that the council of ministers of education has taken an active role in