

**Mr. Whelan:** Mr. Speaker, the submission will take in all of these facts. They are being considered.

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### NATIONAL FILM BOARD

REASON FOR REFUSAL TO RELEASE ENVIRONMENTAL FILM ENTITLED "FORECAST FOR SURVIVAL"

**Mr. Bill Jarvis (Perth-Wilmot):** Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Fisheries and the Environment may I put a question to the Secretary of State? It relates to a film produced by the National Film Board and which was commissioned by the Department of the Environment. The film was entitled "Forecast for Survival" and was completed in July, 1975. Despite repeated requests for release of the film, which cost several thousand dollars, the release has never been accomplished. Is the minister aware whether it has been at the instigation of the Department of the Environment that the National Film Board has refused to release the film?

**Hon. John Roberts (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, I am afraid I cannot throw any light on this matter. I will undertake to discuss it with my colleague and report to the hon. member directly.

**Mr. Jarvis:** Mr. Speaker, I thank the minister for his answer. When he is conducting this inquiry will he determine whether it was at the request or insistence of the Department of External Affairs that release was not approved and if not, will he inquire at whose request this release has been suppressed?

**Mr. Roberts:** Mr. Speaker, I will draw that concern to the attention of the minister.

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### GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

POLICY WITH REGARD TO MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT SEEKING INFORMATION FROM DEPARTMENTS

**Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the right hon. Prime Minister. Could the Prime Minister tell the House whether it is a policy of his government to require members of parliament wishing to obtain routine information from the civil service, to clear their calls through the minister's office before attempting to obtain such information?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Not that I know of, Mr. Speaker. Ministers have authority in their own departments and they may convey information to departments but I do not know of any general rule.

### Privilege—Mr. Oberle

POLICY OF MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE WITH REGARD TO MEMBERS SEEKING INFORMATION FROM DEPARTMENT

**Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca):** Mr. Speaker, may I put a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare? Can the minister indicate whether it is his policy or whether he has issued a directive to his department forbidding information to be given to members of parliament before clearance with his office and if so, for what reasons?

[Translation]

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, I have not issued any instruction not to provide hon. members with information, but I thought it could be a lot easier and quicker if I personally served as intermediary for providing information to hon. members and receiving theirs. The hon. members concerned would therefore be served a lot better and quicker.

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### SPORT

PARTICIPATION OF CANADA IN WORLD HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP AT VIENNA—REQUEST THAT MINISTER AID IN RECRUITMENT

**Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of State responsible for Fitness and Amateur Sport.

In view of the fact that Canada is to take part shortly in World Hockey Championship competitions in Vienna, that these competitions will take place during the Stanley Cup playoffs, which will make it difficult to obtain outstanding hockey players, and that Mr. Holmes, the new Team Canada director, stated during a press conference held last fall in Montreal that participation in this great international tournament could result in a loss of prestige for Canadian hockey, could the minister advise the House whether she is aware of the situation and, if so, whether she intends to take action to correct this situation, in order to foster the pride of Canadians because of their marked interest in international competitions?

[English]

**Hon. Iona Campagnolo (Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport)):** Mr. Speaker, I am aware of this matter. However, I am Minister of Amateur Sport and this is a very professional undertaking but I shall try in an indirect way to have some of the representatives see that the prestige of Canada is upheld to the maximum degree.

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### PRIVILEGE

MR. OBERLE—GOVERNMENT'S RELEASING OF INFORMATION RESPECTING NATIONAL SECURITY

**Mr. F. Oberle (Prince George-Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, it is with great reluctance that I rise on a question of privilege