

Tabling of Bill

the hon. member for Parry Sound-Muskoka. I can tell him that the possibility of the myxosoma cerebraalis disease coming into Ontario at the moment appears to be not as serious as had been earlier indicated by press reports. However, in co-operation with the Michigan authorities and the provincial authorities, we are monitoring this very closely. We are also watching very carefully the importation of fish or fish eggs into Canada.

Mr. Darling: Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the answer to that question, but I now have a question for the Minister of Transport and I wonder if I might ask it.

Mr. Whittaker: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, I should like to make reference to a report last Friday regarding a time when the Liberal and Conservative members from British Columbia were in caucus. The report on the television indicated that there was only one member from British Columbia in the House. I should like to point out that there is a majority of Liberal and Conservative members in the House this Friday, which is the usual situation.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Oh!

● (1200)

Mr. Clarke (Vancouver Quadra): I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. For the second time this week I find myself in the position of having been assured by ministers that they would be producing answers to questions asked in the normal routine of the question period, on the following day. On Monday the Minister of Transport (Mr. Marchand) failed to respond, as he said he would, and now the Minister of Public Works (Mr. Drury) has failed to respond. He said on Wednesday he would bring his notes "tomorrow", which was yesterday, and it is already "today" and he has not brought them yet.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Dick: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I am wondering whether, through you, it could be ascertained from the government House leader whether the government has reverted to a policy of rotation, because we had no more than 50 per cent attendance by ministers at any time during the question period today. We need a better attendance record or we will not be able to get replies to our questions.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF COMMONS ACT, THE SALARIES ACT AND THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES ACT

AMENDMENTS RESPECTING SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES—
TABLING OF REPRINTED BILL

Mr. Speaker: In accordance with my decision of Wednesday, April 23 this year, I wish to lay on the table of

[Mr. LeBlanc (Westmorland-Kent).]

the House a reprinted version of Bill C-44, to amend the Senate and House of Commons Act, the Salaries Act and the Parliamentary Secretaries Act.

May I remind hon. members that yesterday the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Sharp) stated that he hoped Bill C-44 would be called on Tuesday next. That being the case, the period for the filing of motions to amend the bill at the report stage will not expire before Monday next at six o'clock p.m.

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[Translation]

COMMUNICATIONS

TABLING OF DOCUMENT ENTITLED "TELECOMMUNICATIONS: SOME GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS"

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Minister of Communications): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 41(2), I am tabling in both official languages a document entitled: *Communications: Some Federal Proposals*.

[English]

Mr. Paproski: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I would hope the Minister of Transport (Mr. Marchand) would now table the terms of reference in accordance with what he said during the question period.

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): I did not hear the question, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Paproski: Would the minister table the terms of reference between himself and Air Canada?

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): I do not have it at the moment. As soon I have it—probably in a few minutes—I will be able to table it.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Len Marchand (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of the Environment): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 568, 2,135, 2,136, 2,139, and 2,165.

I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

[Text]

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT—PUBLICITY

Question No. 568—**Mr. Symes:**

1. What were the amounts of money spent by the Post Office Department on publicity and/or information in each of the fiscal years 1972-73 and 1973-74?