

system has now been instituted. Is he aware that that testing system is just as unrealistic, improper, as easily followed and easily distorted as the NEPS system?

[Translation]

Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, this is obviously a point of debate since the Canada Post Corporation officials consider that their mail quality control system was tested by independent firms from outside the corporation and that it was found valid, not only by these independent firms, but also by postal users who were asked to participate in the control process.

The Hon. Member is entitled not to believe in the effectiveness of the system, but that is a point of debate between the Canada Post Corporation and himself.

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[English]

FINANCE

CANADA WORKS GRANTS—LETTER SENT TO LIBERAL ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey-White Rock-North Delta): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister has made much of the fact that Canada Works grants are not given on the basis of Liberal Party politics. The other day my office received an envelope addressed to me, containing a letter to Mr. Ken Jones, President of the Liberal Association, White Rock, B.C. It reads in part:

● (1500)

To keep you informed of the intent and progress of this program I am sending you a copy of the grant proposal and program brochure. I am also enclosing in this mailing a two page description of the Canada Works proposal we have submitted. . . . If I can be of any help in providing further information on these programs, please feel free to call me—

If Liberal Party politics has nothing to do with Canada Works Programs, why is it necessary on the part of the applicants to lobby the President of the Liberal Association?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I have to swallow twice in order to understand the sense of such a question.

Our business as Members of Parliament and as politicians is to get our constituents and the people of Canada to look for the programs in the Budget, in departmental agencies or in various policies put forward by the Government. That is why people on this side of the House, Members of Parliament, diligently write this kind of letter so that constituents know that there are funds available, that there are retraining programs available, that there are unemployment programs available, or that there is a medicare program. We do our job on this side. We even buy signs so that people know about things. We even take out advertising so the people can know about them.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Business of the House

Mr. Trudeau: I have heard *ad nauseam* allegations from that side of the House about cover-up, about the people having a right to know, about this Government keeping everything in hiding, and when we tell our constituents about the programs of the Government, about the benefits of the Budget, we find this kind of question. I am amazed.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

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PARLIAMENTARY RESTAURANT

TABLING OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORT OF AUDITOR GENERAL

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to lay upon the Table the financial statements of the Parliamentary Restaurant—which I would call to the attention of Hon. Members are not a laughing matter—together with the Auditor General's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1983.

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PETITIONS

TABLING OF REPORTS OF CLERK OF PETITIONS

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that the Clerk of the House has laid upon the Table reports of the Clerk of Petitions stating that he has examined the petitions presented by Hon. Members on Wednesday, February 8, 1984 and finds that the petitions meet the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

WEEKLY STATEMENT

Mr. Nielsen: Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Government House Leader what the business will be for tomorrow and for next Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, if he can take us that far?

Mr. Pinard: Mr. Speaker, tomorrow we will commence debate on Bill C-9. The back-up Bill is Bill C-10. On Monday we will, if need be, resume debate on Bill C-9, the back-up Bill still being Bill C-10. Tuesday will be an Opposition day and I hereby designate next Tuesday as an Opposition day.

On Wednesday, depending upon the hour of the Budget, the time of the speech on the Budget, we will resume debate on either Bill C-9 or Bill C-10, in that order. Next Thursday will be the first day of debate on the Budget.

In so far as the hour of the Budget is concerned, I understand that the preference of the Opposition is to allow the Minister of Finance to deliver his speech in the evening,