

Order Paper Questions

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: I regret to inform the hon. member that there is not unanimous consent. Therefore, his motion cannot be put at this time.

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[English]

**RURAL AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY
COMMITTEES BILL**

On the order: Introduction of Bills:

February 9—Mr. Howard—Bill intituled: "An Act to provide for the establishment of Rural Airport Development Advisory Committees".

Mr. Speaker: Before putting this motion I think I should advise the hon. member that the Chair has had an opportunity to look at the proposed bill and there are, to my way of thinking, money implications. The hon. member seems, at least in some respects in the bill, to infringe the financial initiative of the Crown. Perhaps some minor changes to the bill might make it acceptable from the procedural point of view, unless the hon. member has come to the House armed with the Royal Recommendation. He may have this in his possession, in his pocket, at the present time, and that, of course, would make the bill acceptable. If he does not possess this all-important procedural document, I would think it would be helpful if he would have a brief discussion with the parliamentary counsel. I am sure some slight adjustments would make the bill perfectly acceptable at least from the procedural standpoint. This is the advice I take the liberty of giving to the hon. member for Skeena.

Mr. Howard: Mr. Speaker, I would not seek to obtain the royal authority you mentioned because I think that is an infringement upon the rights of all members.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Howard: In any event, I have had a discussion with the law clerk of the House. Following that discussion the matter which I think you have your eye upon was put into order, but perhaps that information has not yet reached Your Honour. Therefore I will ask that the bill stand.

Mr. Speaker: I appreciate the comments made by the hon. member and I shall look again at the proposed bill. As I said, the difficulty is not of a substantial nature and if that aspect is corrected the motion for introduction of the bill could then be put. The hon. member requests that the bill stand. Stand.

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

[Mr. Speaker.]

PUBLIC SERVICE SUPERANNUATION ACCOUNT

Question No. 8—**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):**

1. What was the total amount of money in the Public Service Superannuation Account as at (a) March 31, 1970 (b) March 31, 1971 (c) March 31, 1972?

2. What rate of interest has the government paid for the use of this money during the fiscal years ending on the dates noted above?

3. What amount of interest was credited to the Public Service Superannuation Account during the fiscal years ending (a) March 31, 1970 (b) March 31, 1971 (c) March 31, 1972?

4. What was the total amount paid out of the Public Service Superannuation Account during the fiscal years ending (a) March 31, 1970 (b) March 31, 1971 (c) March 31, 1972?

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board): 1. The amount credited to the Public Service Superannuation Account as of: (a) March 31, 1970, \$3,695,308,333; (b) March 31, 1971, \$4,097,595,197; (c) March 31, 1972, \$4,607,185,498.

2. Interest was paid on this account at the rate of 1.0000 per cent per quarter up until the quarter ending June 30, 1969. T.B. Minute 692055 dated September 25, 1969 amended section 35 of the Public Service superannuation regulations, and the actual interest rates subsequent to this date were as follows: Quarter ending September 30, 1969, 1.2416 per cent; quarter ending December 31, 1969, 1.2575 per cent; quarter ending March 31, 1970, 1.2868 per cent; quarter ending June 30, 1970, 1.3174 per cent; quarter ending September 30, 1970, 1.3262 per cent; quarter ending December 31, 1970, 1.3427 per cent; quarter ending March 31, 1971, 1.3597 per cent; quarter ending June 30, 1971, 1.3838 per cent; quarter ending September 30, 1971, 1.3896 per cent; quarter ending December 31, 1971, 1.4004 per cent; quarter ending March 31, 1972, 1.4157 per cent.

3. The total amount of interest credited to the Public Service Superannuation Account during the fiscal year ending: (a) March 31, 1970, \$130,993,152; (b) March 31, 1971, \$147,693,942; (c) March 31, 1972, \$163,707,472.

4. The total amount paid out of the Public Service Superannuation Fund during the fiscal year ending: (a) March 31, 1970, \$95,880,827; (b) March 31, 1971, \$107,680,817; (c) March 31, 1972, \$118,635,547.

Note: The total annual amounts being credited to the account which include interest are set to be just sufficient to meet estimated future obligations under the act.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF POST OFFICE IN NORTH DELTA,
BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Question No. 34—**Mr. Reynolds:**

Has the government any immediate plans to establish a post office in North Delta, British Columbia, which has a population of over 25,000 and, if so (a) on what date does the government intend to call tenders (b) on what date do they anticipate the post office will be completed?

Hon. André Ouellet (Postmaster General): The post office and sub post offices in North Delta, appear to provide adequate service for the area. In addition, a letter carrier depot is being established to provide further service.