

*Privilege—Mr. Jourdenais*

by-laws of the City of Toronto. If there is a concern, one should have resort to the City of Toronto zoning by-laws. We did not select the site. In any event, as a result of representations made by the Hon. Member for Parkdale—High Park, I listened to the representations of the residents of the area and I reduced the number of people to attend that particular facility by 40 per cent.

PRIVATIZATION OF PAROLE SERVICES—REQUEST FOR  
COMMITTEE REFERRAL

**Mr. John Nunziata (York South—Weston):** Mr. Speaker, the Minister's own colleague, the Hon. Member for Parkdale—High Park, complained to him with regard to the lack of consultation with him, as the Member for the area, and with the community generally. The Minister knows that the privatization of parole services is a major departure from present government policy. In view of that fact, does the Minister not consider it appropriate for him to refer the whole issue of the privatization of parole services to the Justice Committee in order for that committee to consider the whole question?

**Hon. James Kelleher (Solicitor General of Canada):** Mr. Speaker, I am somewhat concerned here. I would like to know whether or not the Hon. Member is against the establishment of half-way houses so that parolees can in fact be rehabilitated, get back into the community, and reduce the rate of recidivism.

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[Translation]

NATIONAL DEFENCE

PROPOSED SAGUENAY SHOOTING RANGE—REQUEST FOR  
PUBLIC HEARINGS

**Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Defence and concerns the proposed F-18 firing range in the Saguenay.

The Minister is aware that the Quebec Ministers of Intergovernmental Affairs and Environmental Affairs have proposed public hearings and a joint assessment of the project's impact.

Is the Minister prepared to co-operate with this important proposal for public hearings on the proposed firing range for the region and to consider joint public hearings with the Quebec Government? Will he conduct those hearings?

[English]

**Hon. Perrin Beatty (Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, we are currently having discussions with regard to this matter. As soon as we have anything to announce, I will inform the Hon. Member.

SHIPBUILDING

AWARDING OF POLAR 8 ICE-BREAKER CONTRACT

**Mr. Ted Schellenberg (Nanaimo—Alberni):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport. With the sale of Versatile Farm Equipment yesterday in Manitoba to Ford New Holland, and with the ongoing financial restructuring of Versatile Pacific Shipyards in Vancouver and Victoria, can the Government of Canada now announce the awarding of the Polar 8 ice-breaker contract to British Columbia shipyards? As the people of Newfoundland would say, we in British Columbia want to know: "Who is the b'y who is going to build the boat?"

**Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, as the hon. gentleman knows, over the past several months the Minister for DRIE has performed miracles. He has straightened out the matter of Versatile's operations in Quebec. They have now straightened out the farm equipment situation in Winnipeg. We are advancing westward, and within a period of days we will be straightening out the matter of the Polar 8 in Vancouver, and I dare say we won't leave unless there is an ice-breaker left behind us.

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PRIVILEGE

ALLEGED LAY-OFF OF JOHN QUIGLEY—SPEAKER'S RULING

**Mr. Speaker:** I want to draw the attention of Hon. Members to a question of privilege which was raised a few days ago by the Hon. Member for La Prairie (Mr. Jourdenais).

[Translation]

On February 11, 1987, the Hon. Member for La Prairie (Mr. Jourdenais) raised a question of privilege with respect to the dismissal of an official at the Department of Employment and Immigration. The Hon. Member alleged that the privileges of all Members of this House were affected by the decision and by the action taken by the Deputy Minister of the Department in question.

[English]

The Hon. Member for York West (Mr. Marchi), in his submission to the Chair, suggested that the Deputy Minister's action could lead to the withholding of information that is valuable and necessary for the Canadian public and as a consequence the very essence of why Members are elected to the House is thereby affected. The Hon. Member for Spadina (Mr. Heap) argued that the public servant in question had conversed with members of the Standing Committee on Labour, Employment and Immigration and was only making relevant information available to members of the committee.