

Order Paper Questions

For the reasons that were applicable at that time, I have to conclude that while this forms an interesting debate, and while it may very well be valid to make a good deal of the comments—and I stress the word “may”—as to the importance of the subject matter or as to the courtesy and propriety that may be involved, it is clear, upon the understanding of parliamentary privilege as it relates to this matter, that it does not extend and never has extended to compelling a minister or a prime minister to making a statement in the House under any circumstances, regardless of the importance of the subject.

Accordingly, adhering to that precedent which is crystal-clear, and to the nature of parliamentary privilege, which is very narrow in scope, I have to say that this does not constitute a question of such a nature that it should interrupt the proceedings at this time for the question to be put to the House.

Mr. McKenzie: Mr. Speaker, yesterday I directed a question to the Minister of National Revenue with regard to discriminatory practices in the imposition of duty on automobile parts entering Manitoba. Yesterday the minister said she would obtain the exact data and give the House an answer today. However, the minister made no attempt whatsoever to give me an answer today or to request permission of the Chair to provide such an answer. It is most important to me to have this answer from the minister today because I am taking part in the adjournment debate tonight, and it is an injustice to me for the minister to promise in the House to give an answer and then to vanish. I want it to appear on the record that the minister promised she would provide an answer, but the following day she left the House after having made no attempt whatsoever to provide an answer to the House and to me.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The minister is not here at the moment, and during the question period, for obvious reasons, there was certainly no opportunity to get into any other subject except that of the report of the Auditor General and related matters. I did see the hon. member trying to get the floor during the question period, but because of the pressure of questions on one subject it was impossible to recognize him. The question he raises is an observation to which he is entitled at the moment, but it does not constitute a question of privilege.

● (1540)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following ques-

[Mr. Speaker.]

tions will be answered today: 112, 301 to 309 inclusive, 311, 335 and 773.

[Text]

QUESTION NO. 3,240—FIRST SESSION OF 30TH PARLIAMENT

Question No. 112—Mr. Cossitt:

Did the Department of Agriculture find the answer to Question No. 3,240 of the First Session of the 30th Parliament embarrassing and, if so, for what reason?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): No.

AIB PERSONNEL

Question No. 301—Mr. Orlikow:

1. (a) Who is the Executive Director of the Anti-Inflation Board (b) what is the (i) classification (ii) salary or salary range of the position?

2. (a) What previous position in the Public Service did he or she hold (b) what was the (i) classification (ii) salary or salary range of the position?

Mr. Bob Kaplan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance): 1. (a) Mr. R. Johnstone; (b)(i) SX-3; (ii) \$35,500-\$47,500.

2. (a) Executive Interchange from (i) Bank of Canada; (ii) no change.

Question No. 302—Mr. Orlikow:

1. (a) Who is the Associate Executive Director of the Anti-Inflation Board (b) what is the (i) classification (ii) salary or salary range of the position?

2. (a) What previous position in the Public Service did he or she hold (b) what was the (i) classification (ii) salary or salary range of the position?

Mr. Bob Kaplan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance): 1. (a) Mr. D. R. Yeomans. (b)(i) SX-3; (ii) \$35,500-\$47,500.

2. (a) Assistant Deputy Minister (Operations) Department of Supply and Services; (b)(i) SX-3; (ii) \$35,500-\$47,500.

Question No. 303—Mr. Orlikow:

1. (a) Who is the Director General, Compensation, of the Anti-Inflation Board (b) what is the (i) classification (ii) salary or salary range of the position?

2. (a) What previous position in the Public Service did he or she hold (b) what was the (i) classification (ii) salary or salary range of the position?

Mr. Bob Kaplan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance): 1. (a) Mr. W. F. Nelson; (b)(i) SX3; (ii) \$35,500-\$47,500.

2. (a) ADM—Industry, Trade and Commerce; (b)(i) SX3; (ii) \$35,500-\$47,500.

Question No. 304—Mr. Orlikow:

1. (a) Who is the Director General, Administration, Finance and Personnel, of the Anti-Inflation Board (b) what is the (i) classification (ii) salary or salary range of the position?

2. (a) What previous position in the Public Service did he or she hold (b) what was the (i) classification (ii) salary or salary range of the position?

Mr. Bob Kaplan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance): 1. (a) Mr. R. C. Blackwell; (b)(i) SX1; (ii) \$27,500-\$36,500.