

Oral Questions

have had a request from Newfoundland for additional funds and are looking at the possibility of providing them.

REVIEW OF PROPOSALS

Hon. John C. Crosbie (St. John's West): Mr. Speaker, could the Minister advise the House whether his Department, or he himself, is reviewing the best of the proposals that are made, and when a decision might be made with respect to what assistance government is prepared to grant to help modernize that mill? When will a decision be made on that? Is the Government prepared to put further money into the agreement entered into between Newfoundland and Canada, to save thousands of jobs and the city of Corner Brook by keeping that mill operating?

Hon. Ed Lumley (Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion): Mr. Speaker, as I indicated in my previous answer, we have had a request from the Province of Newfoundland for additional funds over and above the millions that are in the pulp and paper modernization agreement. We have said that we will look very seriously at their request. We are not personally evaluating the proposals. That is being done by the Province of Newfoundland. We have offered our expertise with respect to any particular aspects put forward by the individual companies which have made proposals for the mill.

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NATIONAL CAPITAL COMMISSION

RENTAL OF PROPERTIES

Mr. Bill Domm (Peterborough): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Public Works who is responsible for the National Capital Commission. I have learned this week that there are 1,241 properties which are owned by the National Capital Commission. Many of these properties in the Ottawa area are rented to people on the preferred list of many of the directors of the National Capital Commission, at rents which are somewhat less than market value. Why is the Minister reticent to release the list to the media or anyone else who is trying to find out where the properties are, who the tenants are, and how much rent is being paid for these properties?

Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, going back to my days as Minister of Fisheries, I have always been reticent to release names and addresses of individuals due to the normal privacy to which we are all entitled. Outside of that restriction, I am certainly open to inquiring whether more information can be made available.

REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURE

Mr. Bill Domm (Peterborough): Mr. Speaker, I would remind the Minister responsible for Public Works that under the Access to Information Act there is no confidentiality involved with regard to a fringe benefit of rent subsidy offered to possible employees of the federal Government.

Why is the Minister not disclosing the lists of these properties? It is not even possible to obtain the addresses of these 1,241 properties which the National Capital Commission is administering, other than a rural route number which means absolutely nothing when one tries to check out who is the tenant. Would the Minister again look into the Access to Information regulations and legislation, and agree that it is possible to disclose those lists?

Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member has made a fairly long parliamentary career of making all kinds of accusations and not listening to the answers. I said very simply that there is legislation which imposes on Ministers some limitations under the right to privacy. I have to see whether I am allowed to release names and addresses in that situation. We are all entitled to the privacy of our personal addresses if we so choose. I will look into it, and I will release what information I can under the Access to Information Act.

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PETITIONS

TABLING OF REPORTS OF CLERK OF PETITIONS

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that the petitions, with the exception of one, presented by Hon. Members on Wednesday, May 30, 1984, meet the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

MR. GREENAWAY—TESTING OF CRUISE MISSILE ON CANADIAN SOIL

Mr. Speaker: The petition presented by the Hon. Member for Cariboo-Chilcotin (Mr. Greenaway) does not meet the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

WEEKLY STATEMENT

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Mr. Speaker, would the Government House Leader outline for the House the proposed business for tomorrow and into next week?

Mr. Pinard: Mr. Speaker, tomorrow we will dispose of three Bills in the following order. The three Bills will be introduced later today. They are the Yukon Quartz Mining Act, the Skagit River Treaty and the Asia-Pacific Foundation.

On Monday we will start debating the second reading stage of Bill C-40, an Act to amend the Old Age Security Act. The back-up legislation on Monday will be Bill C-39. Next Tuesday will be the last allotted day of the current period of Supply. Next Wednesday and Thursday we will resume debate on the National Housing Act, Bill C-37, with Bill C-36 as the back-up Bill.