

person or that, and giving a partial report of what is going on. But if it can be as it is with the House of Commons, an electronic *Hansard* of the whole business, we would be glad to see it and we think this would be a good time to start it.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): Madam Speaker, the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre has put a condition on it which I think is quite appropriate. Quite frankly, I have been one who has wondered why the government has stalled these many months in having the committees of the House televised.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): In any event we are *ad idem*, at least as between the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre and myself. Therefore, it is on that basis that we would like to discuss this matter.

An hon. Member: Well, let us hear from them.

● (1520)

Mr. Clark: Madam Speaker, further on this question, we now have a matter of very real importance to the House of Commons and people of Canada within one voice of the resolution. There has been an agreement expressed by the spokesmen for the NDP and for the official opposition that we would support having the proceedings of the committee, even though it meets under closure in advance, covered by television in the same way that the House of Commons is. All it would take is for the government to say that it, too, is agreed. We are agreed and the NDP is agreed. Will the government stand up now and say that it is prepared to let the public see what goes on within the parliamentary committee?

[Translation]

Mr. Pinard: Madam Speaker, I indicated a while ago that we were willing to discuss it as soon as possible this afternoon or tomorrow if necessary. Now I wish to remind the Leader of the Opposition that such a request was made by several chairmen of other committees who each feel that their work is more important than the constitution. Some think that finance ought to come first, others that energy resources head the list. When we introduced television into the House, Madam Speaker, we tried to make Parliament closer to the people with due regard for the concept of televised debates. Now if all those conditions can be complied with without any discrimination against other committees, if it is technically possible without delaying the proceedings of the committee and if the report can be referred to us on December 9, all this being said, I am willing to discuss the matter with my colleagues and try to ease things up. Once again, Madam Speaker, since no conclusion has been drawn, such a request and those negotiations should not delay the tabling of the committee report in the House.

Order Paper Questions

[English]

HANSARD CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

PARTY HONOURING FIRST ONE HUNDRED YEARS

Hon. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): I rise briefly on a point of order, Madam Speaker. This is something which any member might have tried to do under Standing Order 43, but one would not want to run the risk of denial.

I believe that all members of the House would like to express their thanks to the *Hansard* staff for the interesting and delightful party that was held last night in honour of the first hundred years of *Hansard*.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. D. M. Collette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, the questions to be answered today are Nos. 102, 128, 1,327 and 1,432.

[Text]

CANADA COUNCIL—GRANTS

Question No. 102—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Has it been the practice of the Canada Council to list in their annual report the names of those receiving grants, the amounts they received and the purpose of such grants and, if so, has there been a change in policy in this regard?

2. Does the Canada Council's annual report for 1978-79 list the names of all recipients, the amounts received and the purpose of the grants and, if not, for what reason?

3. In line with a program of increasing freedom of information to the Canadian people, what are all the reasons justifying an apparent inconsistency with regard to information made public by the Canada Council?

Mr. Peter Stollery (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State and Minister of Communications): I am informed by the Canada Council as follows:

1, 2 and 3. There has been no change in policy, but a change in format. The 1978-79 annual report appears in two bilingual volumes. The first provides an overview of Council programs, operations and finances. A supplementary volume includes lists and amounts of grants and other detailed information at least as extensive as that provided in previous years.

The change was introduced primarily to improve the clarity and timeliness of the presentation, for the convenience of users of the documents. In addition, more information can be provided more widely and economically in the new format. The report and supplement are freely available to the public on request.