

Privilege—Mrs. Appolloni

• (1500)

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE

QUERY RESPECTING POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF CUSTOMS AREA TO INCLUDE CONTINENTAL SHELF

Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma): Madam Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance. In view of the advantages it would give to the Canadian manufacturing industry, and especially the steel industry, of an extension of the Canadian customs area offshore, to extend it from the 12-mile limit to the continental shelf, as Norway, the United States and the United Kingdom have already done, and the massive drilling and exploration program planned on the east coast offshore, is the government planning to extend our customs regulations to include the east coast offshore to the continental shelf?

[Translation]

Hon. Pierre Bussières (Minister of State (Finance)): Madam Speaker, the proposal implicit in the hon. member's question is extremely interesting, and could, in fact, help certain Canadian companies to gain a competitive edge. However, the hon. member will agree that the question is very serious, and that it will require very careful study on the part of the government.

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[English]

PETITIONS

TABLING OF REPORT OF CLERK OF PETITIONS

Madam Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that the Clerk of the House has laid upon the Table the report of the Clerk of Petitions stating that he has examined the petitions presented by hon. members on Monday, May 3, 1982, and finds that the petitions meet the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

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PRIVILEGE

MRS. APPOLLONI—RIGHT RESERVED TO RAISE QUESTION

Mrs. Ursula Appolloni (York South-Weston): Madam Speaker, I have evidence to show that on April 30, 1982, *The Toronto Sun* deliberately and maliciously printed falsehoods which reflect on my integrity. The evidence points to the incompetence and the appalling lack of professionalism on the part of *The Toronto Sun* and to reprehensible character assassination and innuendo in its attempts to intimidate me in the performance of my functions as a member of Parliament.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, in accordance with Citation 312 of Beauchesne's fifth edition, I reserve the right to raise a question of privilege on the first opportunity following the date on which the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates

reports to this House or is deemed to have reported under Standing Order 58.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

PETITION

MR. HEAP—TESTING OF CRUISE MISSILES ON CANADIAN SOIL

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition from 260 residents of the city of Toronto requesting Parliament to request the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) to refuse to allow the testing of Cruise missiles on Canadian soil.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today Nos. 3,298, 3,299, 3,562, 3,704, 4,045 and 4,118.

[Text]

ALLEGED STATEMENT OF MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS

Question No. 3,298—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Did the Minister of Public Works recently state in connection with assisting persons who were in danger of losing their homes by mortgage foreclosure "For that reason, we telephoned all members of Parliament at their Ottawa and constituency offices and to my knowledge we did not come up with one more case of hardship" and, if so, what were the names of all members actually called and the dates on which they were called?

2. Were all members called and, if not, what were the names of the members not called and for what reason were they not called?

Hon. Paul J. Cosgrove (Minister of Public Works): 1. Quote inaccurate. 2. N/A.

Question No. 3,299—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Did the Minister of Public Works recently state in connection with assisting persons who were in danger of losing their homes by mortgage foreclosure "For that reason, we telephoned all members of Parliament at their Ottawa and constituency offices and to my knowledge we did not come up with one more case of hardship"?

2. Was the hon. member for Leeds-Grenville telephoned for this purpose at his (a) House of Commons (b) constituency office and (i) if so, on what date and at what time (ii) if not, for what reason?

Hon. Paul J. Cosgrove (Minister of Public Works): 1. Quote inaccurate.

2. (a) Yes, on October 24, 1981, between the hours of 2 and 4 p.m. (b) Yes, on October 24, 1981, between the hours of 2 and 4 p.m.

AEROSPACE TRAINING CENTRE

Question No. 3,562—**Mr. McKenzie:**

1. Did the Department of Employment and Immigration commission a study on the possibility of establishing a new Aerospace Training Centre?