

Order Paper Questions

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion. Is there unanimous consent for the introduction of the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Does the House consent to the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

PETITIONS

TAX BREAKS FOR CORPORATIONS

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition from a number of residents of the Province of Ontario who request that this Parliament should this year, in 1984, enact legislation so that large corporations will receive tax breaks only in proportion to the number of net new jobs they have created, and that the breaks and jobs be reported quarterly to Parliament.

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[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Paul Dick (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State (Government House Leader)): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 90 and 115.

[Text]

CANAGREX

Question No. 90 **Mr. Porter:**

1. What was the cost to the government of all aspects in establishing Canagrex?
2. What was the dollar value of export sales it was successful in closing?

Hon. John Wise (Minister of Agriculture): 1. Total expenditures, to October 31, 1984, in establishing CANAGREX amounted to \$2,659,000.

2. When the Corporation began operations in the spring of 1984, policy focused on facilitating sales by bringing a willing buyer and seller into a negotiating position, rather than on purchasing products or selling for the corporation's account. Operating in this manner, CANAGREX was involved in negotiations leading to facilitation of sales worth \$16 million. In addition, there were transactions in process worth a potential \$100 million expected to be finalized by March 31, 1985.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL APPOINTMENTS

Question No. 115—**Mr. Robichaud:**

1. Has the mandate of the national committee responsible for advising Cabinet on political appointments been established and, if so (a) for what period of time (b) what is the salary range of each member?
2. What is the normal salary range for a member of an advisory council?
3. Was a study made by the government in order to determine the usefulness and necessity of such a committee?

Hon. Erik Nielsen (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): 1. No such committee exists.

2. Not applicable.

3. Not applicable.

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[Translation]

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

Mr. Paul Dick (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State (Government House Leader)): Mr. Speaker, if question No. 46 could be made an order for return, this return would be tabled immediately.

Mr. Speaker: The questions enumerated by the Parliamentary Secretary have been answered. Is it the pleasure of the House that question No. 46 be deemed to have been made an order for return?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

[Text]

CANADA MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORPORATION LOANS

Question No. 46: **Mr. Howie:**

Since March 1, 1983, did Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation or its subsidiaries make any loans to its employees and, if so, in each case (a) on what date was the loan (i) made (ii) due (b) what was the (i) amount of the loan (ii) interest rate charged (iii) purpose of the loan?

Return tabled.

[Translation]

Mr. Dick: I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the remaining questions stand?

Mr. Deans: Mr. Speaker, why are the other questions not being answered?

[English]

Mr. Dick: There have been a number of other questions answered and we will answer the others as soon as possible in the new year. I would like to point out to the Hon. Member that in the thirty-first Parliament some 18.5 per cent of the questions had been answered at this point in time; in the thirty-second Parliament it was 17.4 per cent; by the thirty-fourth sitting day of this Parliament, which is today, we have answered 21.6 per cent, which is better than the other two.