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As I say, if the hotels of this city and other private businesses are not hooked into the government telephone service, why should CP Air have this special arrangement? I suggest that this puts us, as members of this House—because it is mainly to us it is addressed—in an awkward position.

I know we are accustomed to the CPR getting everything in this country for the past hundred years, but surely they should have to be approached the same as Air Canada is, through an ordinary, private, seven-digit number. Mr. Speaker, this matter should be looked into. If the letter had been given general distribution to the entire public service, Your Honour might say it has not got anything to do with the House of Commons, but in view of the limited number of people who received this letter it is primarily a House of Commons matter and, as I say, puts us in an awkward position.

I would be prepared to move the appropriate motion for the matter to be referred to a committee for investigation, and perhaps to have the numbers cancelled and CP Air put on the same basis as any other airline or company. In the meantime I would ask Your Honour to consider whether it is not a question of privilege for members of parliament to be put in this awkward position and to be made guinea pigs for CP Air.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. As a result of notification by the hon. member of his concern with this problem and, of course, the formal notice given pursuant to Standing Order 17(2), I have had an opportunity to make only a very cursory investigation into the circumstances and to verify that the exchange involved is not one in any way under the control or administration of parliament. I felt that was my first responsibility.

The exchange involved, which gives access through a five-digit number, is in fact a government exchange but not one that is under our control or is involved in the administration of the House of Commons. I have, therefore, the greatest difficulty drawing a connection between the grievance the hon. member has raised and a question of parliamentary privilege.

The matter does concern an inquiry or grievance of some sort, however, and I think prudence has indicated in the past that if there is to be a response by either of the two ministers named as having the responsibility or authority in connection with issuing these privileges—that is to say, the Minister of Communications (Mrs. Sauvé), or the Minister of Supply and Services (Mr. Goyer)—we ought to await their response. At that time I can give a definitive decision as to whether there is any connection with parliamentary privilege. As I have indicated, I have great doubts about it in connection with a question of parliamentary privilege. I think I ought to wait to see whether an immediate response is forthcoming from either of the ministers before taking a final decision.

Order Paper Questions

POINT OF ORDER

MR. PAPROSKI—CHAMBER TEMPERATURE

Mr. Paproski: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I know that the candlelight power in the House has been reduced by about 51 candlelights but there seems to be a problem with heat in the chamber. Perhaps Your Honour or the House officials could check to see what is happening. Some of the glare of the television lights has been eliminated but the heat in the chamber is still high. Maybe it is because of some of the members—I do not know—but I feel something should be done. This has happened since Monday of this week, and I hope Your Honour will check into it.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I will be very glad to monitor that. We are monitoring things on a daily basis and had hoped that the adjustments made during the recess would contribute to more comfortable temperatures. There is more difficulty with controlling the light level than the heat level—at least in theory. We ought to be able to do something about the temperature.

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[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 445, 482, 522, 744, 745, 821, 896, 930 and 1,033.

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

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EXPENDITURES IN CONSTITUENCY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

Question No. 445—**Mr. Leggatt:**

In each fiscal year since 1970, what amount was spent in the Constituency of New Westminster by the Department of National Health and Welfare and those agencies that report to it?

Hon. Monique Bégin (Minister of National Health and Welfare): In so far as the Minister of National Health and Welfare is concerned: Fitness and Amateur Sport Program: Grants-in-Aid contributions to athletes of international calibre who require financial assistance for travel, training, living costs, equipment, training fees and relocation expenses.

Year	Recipient	Address	(Figures in \$'s)
1970-71	Nil		
1971-72	Mahony, William V.	301 Carnarvon Street	\$2,000
	Wedlock, David G.	1028-8th Avenue	\$1,500
	Jones, Barbara A.	559 E. Columbia Street	\$1,500
	Robertson, Nancy M.	334 Richmond Street	\$1,000
1972-73	Phelan, Deborah	141 East Durham	\$1,800
	Wedlock, David G.	1028-8th Avenue	\$1,800