

Order Paper Questions

OPPOSITION TO TAX ON FOOD

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition, pursuant to Standing Order 106, which follows the numerous petitions I have tabled with the House for the last four or five weeks. The petitioners avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right to present a grievance.

Whereas since September 1984 the federal Government has imposed on Canadian taxpayers 25 new taxes or tax increases, in particular, on medical, dental supplies, snack foods, candies and soft drinks, and whereas the federal Government in its tax reform proposal is studying the possibility of imposing on Canadians a general tax on goods and services, including food, and whereas food constitutes a vital element in day-to-day life, and whereas the imposition of this tax would have the effect of seriously penalizing certain categories of taxpayers such as the aged, families, the unemployed, low-income taxpayers, youth, and so on, the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to reject all measures that would have the effect of imposing a sales tax on food products.

CANADA POST—MAIL DELIVERY TO NEW SUBDIVISIONS

Mr. W. Paul McCrossan (York-Scarborough): Mr. Speaker, it is my honour and duty today to present a duly certified petition from some 220 residents of York—Scarborough who urge that Canada Post re-establish its practice of providing door-to-door mail delivery to new subdivisions.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk)

Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of State and Minister of State (Treasury Board)): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to advise the House that question No. 174 will be answered today.

[Text]

CANADA POST CORPORATION—EXPENSES INCURRED DURING STRIKE

Question No. 174—**Mr. de Jong:**

What were the total costs incurred by the Canada Post Corporation during the letter carrier's strike for (a) the use of taxi cabs and rented vans to transport replacement workers (b) total payment to replacement workers, including the use of management personnel (c) additional security arrangements (d) hotel accommodation for management personnel (e) additional warehouse facilities (f) transportation costs incurred by management personnel?

Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): The Canada Post Corporation informs as follows:

The information you have requested is currently not available. Information relating to expenses incurred during the letter carriers' dispute will be reflected in the corporation's next annual report which will be released at the end of the 1987/88 fiscal year.

[English]

Mr. Lewis: I ask that all the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of State and Minister of State (Treasury Board)): Mr. Speaker, I would ask that all notices of motions for the production of papers be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Shall all notices of motions stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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MOTIONS TO ADJOURN UNDER S. O. 29

CANADIAN SECURITY

Mr. Speaker: Applications under Standing Order 29.

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby): Mr. Speaker, I seek leave, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 29, to move a motion for the adjournment of the House today on a matter of immediate and urgent concern, namely, the recent revelations regarding the Canadian Security Intelligence Service.

The series of information which has come out in recent days of CSIS infiltration of democratic organizations in Canada, including the labour movement, the peace movement, as well as legal political parties, give rise to grave concerns that must be dealt with on an urgent and emergency basis by the House.

In addition, clearly CSIS has dangerously mishandled its responsibilities in the area of counter-terrorism, including the Air-India disaster and the failure to take steps to provide for the protection of a visiting Punjabi cabinet minister.

In light of the series of events which have taken place and in light of the importance of an urgent debate on this situation, and, Mr. Speaker, in recognition of your earlier rulings under similar applications pursuant to Standing Order 29, I would hope there could be an emergency debate this evening on this serious and important question touching the civil liberties of all Canadians.

● (1530)

Mr. Speaker: I wish to thank the Hon. Member for Burnaby (Mr. Robinson) for bringing this matter back to the Chamber. As the Chair has stated, it is an important matter.