

*Oral Questions***CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION****REASON FOR ALLEGED DENIAL TO MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT  
OF TAPES OF PROGRAM RELATING TO SEAFARERS'  
INTERNATIONAL UNION**

**Mr. Sean O'Sullivan (Hamilton-Wentworth):** Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Secretary of State perhaps I might direct my question to the Acting Secretary of State. Last week the CBC radio carried a national broadcast on its program "As it Happens" relating to the SIU controversy, including interviews with the Minister of Labour and the Solicitor General. This morning a request from a member of parliament for the transcript of those broadcasts was denied by the director of parliamentary services for the CBC, but the director promised to provide the tapes of the broadcast. Later the CBC phoned back to say that the tapes would not be forthcoming. Since the request for the tapes was originally granted, and since requests in the past for CBC tapes have always been met without reservation, can the Acting Secretary of State enlighten the House as to the sudden reversal? Was there a sudden change in CBC policy, or is it just in this specific case that the government has given orders to the CBC that it should not turn over the tapes?

[Translation]

**Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Minister of Communications):** Obviously, Mr. Speaker, that is a question of some complexity, judging at least by its wording.

I must recognize that I have not been aware of any fact since, unfortunately, I came back only yesterday night from a trip abroad. However, I would be very glad to transmit the question of the hon. member to the minister who, in turn, can ask the CBC. But I can immediately assure him that it has never been a practice of the government to give any instruction whatsoever to the corporation or to keep secret or reveal anything and that, furthermore, had the government done so, the corporation would not have complied with such instructions.

[English]

**Mr. O'Sullivan:** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Solicitor General. In view of the fact the tapes were originally promised and then denied, can the minister advise if the reason these tapes are not available is that they have been called for by the RCMP?

**Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General):** I do not know that, Mr. Speaker. I do know that following the allegations in the statement Mr. Shulman made on that broadcast I requested transcripts of what was said, and they were given to me.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Allmand:** I will be glad to give anybody in this House a copy of the transcripts.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Allmand:** If the hon. member or anybody else wants a copy I will be glad to give him one. I issued no instructions to them. I merely asked for a transcript and they gave it to me. I do not know whether the RCMP approached them.

[Mr. Gillespie.]

**Mr. O'Sullivan:** Mr. Speaker, I have a final supplementary for the right hon. Prime Minister. In view of the fact the Solicitor General has just advised that he received transcripts of the tapes, will the right hon. gentleman instruct the CBC immediately this afternoon to treat all members of parliament with the same courtesy, and to turn the transcripts over to any member of parliament who requests those tapes?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I do not know on what authority I could instruct the CBC to do that. I will certainly take note of the suggestion by the Tory party that I should be giving instructions to the CBC.

**Mr. Roche:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Following the Prime Minister's answer to my question earlier, I tried to catch Your Honour's attention for a supplementary question. I did so because the Prime Minister somewhere in his answer said that he did not consider the remarks by the energy minister in respect of Premier Lougheed and Mr. Getty to be conducive to goodwill. I want to point out to this House that this name calling is on the front pages of newspapers all across Canada, particularly in the west, and is hurting the climate for negotiation in respect of the energy question, with the result that people in Canada are suffering. In view of the fact that we perhaps all say things in the House that we later regret, I would ask the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources whether he would like to apologize for referring to Premier Lougheed as "vicious", and Mr. Getty as "dripping with venom"?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, on this same point of order, I must tell the hon. member that if he wants to know the nature of my thoughts, the person I had in mind who had used expressions of bad faith was the Leader of the Opposition, the hon. member's leader.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Stanfield:** I will be very brief, Mr. Speaker. I just want to assure the Prime Minister that I will be coming back with the same charge.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Trudeau:** He will find it difficult for his backbenchers to object to this kind of language, Mr. Speaker.

**GOVERNMENT ORDERS**

[English]

**PETROLEUM ADMINISTRATION ACT****MEASURE RESPECTING THE ADMINISTRATION OF  
INTERPROVINCIAL, EXPORT AND IMPORT TRADE IN  
PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS**

The House resumed, from Thursday, December 5, consideration in committee of Bill C-32, to impose a charge on the export of crude oil and certain petroleum products, to provide compensation for certain petroleum costs and to