

Point of Order—Hon. Walter Baker

4. The program will continue for as long as CMHC remains the owner of the property.

5. For as long as they are qualified under the rent-g geared-to-income program.

6. None.

7. \$582,026 in 1980 and \$312,282 in 1981.

8. Comparable properties were selected by CMHC. Adjustments relating to location, amenities, unit types and sizes were then made for differences in the comparables and the various units in Main Square.

9. None.

10. Yes.

11. (a) 50, (b) 300, (c) 90.

12. (a) 18 approximately, (b) 260, (c) 54.

13. For the full length of the term of the mortgage or as long as CMHC owned the property. However, when the demand for these units dropped off in the mid-1970s, vacant units were rented to market tenants.

[English]

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

Mr. MacKay: Madam Speaker, about a month ago I asked the President of the Treasury Board about the terms of Mr. André Déom's settlement, which is on the basis of a five-year \$300,000 package, \$175,000 tax-free, with a contingency built in by the Treasury Board to pay any future tax liabilities. It is a very startling situation and I would hope that we will get some answers and some specifics at a time when, as some Hon. Members have said, bridging is very important and unemployment is very high.

Mr. Smith: Perhaps the Hon. Member could provide me with the number of his question and I will be happy to look into it.

Mr. MacKay: It is question No. 4,530 which has been on the Order Paper for over a month.

Madam Speaker: The questions enumerated by the Parliamentary Secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Madam Speaker: Orders of the day.

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POINT OF ORDER

MR. BAKER (NEPEAN-CARLETON)—PRACTICE RESPECTING
TABLING OF REPORTS UNDER NEW HOUSE RULES

Hon. Walter Baker (Nepean-Carleton): Madam Speaker, just before you continue on to Orders of the Day, I thought there might be some tabling of answers to questions today and I was waiting for that time before raising my point of order,

which is with respect to the new rules of the House of Commons which will be in place on January 17. As the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Pinard) knows, those rules indicate that reports, returns and other matters tabled in the House of Commons will be automatically referred to the appropriate standing committee by the Hon. Members tabling them.

There has been a feeling for some time that some Crown agencies, Departments, Crown corporations and others have not been following the statutory requirement of tabling their annual reports on time. There may be a myriad of reasons why that is so, but now that the House has unanimously adopted a new set of rules, part of which is predicated on the timely tabling of those reports, returns and other things, I wonder whether the President of the Privy Council, during the period between now and January 17, in order to put the proper foundation under those rules, could canvass the Crown agencies and Departments to ensure that all of the reports which are due as of January 17 are tabled by that time.

Mr. Nielsen: It is required by law.

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): And, incidentally, this is required by law. If the President of the Privy Council would undertake to make that investigation and perhaps report to the House at a later time, I would be quite happy.

[Translation]

Hon. Yvon Pinard (President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, we have made it clear, and I indicated this in my speech on the motion, that we are approaching this parliamentary reform experiment in good faith, which means that we would do nothing to prevent Crown corporations or other agencies from tabling a report or other papers, if they are legally obliged to do so. However, my hon. colleague has gone one step further, since he does not seem to be satisfied with our undertaking that we would do nothing to prevent them from observing the law. On the other hand, I have no desire to be the enforcer of this country's laws. I can only confirm that we will not take advantage of this experiment to ask Crown corporations or other agencies to delay tabling their reports, but I cannot guarantee that they are going to be able to table those reports at a date convenient to the Hon. Member. I trust that my answer is still clear enough to satisfy what the Hon. Member has in mind.

[English]

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): I was not even implying in my point of order, and I want to make it clear, that the Government is acting improperly or has acted improperly with respect to the matter. I am satisfied that the Government has not been holding back, as far as I know. However, there is a feeling that a practice has developed which is unsatisfactory. Perhaps the President of the Privy Council, using the prestige of his office, might be able to remind the various Departments and agencies about the new rules and their importance and the