

CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO AUDITING SERVICES  
FOR AIR CANADA AND CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYSMotion No. 77—**Mr. Mazankowski:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of all correspondence, telegrams and other documents between the Minister of Finance and/or other responsible Ministers, and the auditing firms of Touche, Ross and Co., Peat, Marwick and Mitchell, in connection with auditing services for Air Canada and Canadian National Railways.

**Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, in so far as the Minister of Finance (Mr. Turner), is concerned, the material requested is confidential and we would therefore ask the member to withdraw his motion.

**Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville):** Mr. Speaker, this is totally unacceptable. I think parliament and the people of Canada have the right to know what kind of political manoeuvring has been going on with two of Canada's major Crown corporations.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

**Mr. Speaker:** Transferred for debate.

COPY OF CORRESPONDENCE BY CMHC RELATING TO  
CERTAIN HOUSES AT PLACE DE LA PROMENADE,  
NEUFCHATELMotion No. 206—**Mr. Godin:**

That an Order of the House do issue for copies of all documents or reports prepared by representatives of CMHC following an enquiry made January 22, in relation to certain houses located at Place de la Promenade at Neufchatel.

**Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, the documents and reports referred to arise from mortgage transactions between the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation as lender, and a number of borrowers. As such, they are considered to be internal working papers of a confidential nature and it is not considered appropriate to table them. In these circumstances I would, therefore, ask the hon. member to withdraw his motion.

**Mr. Speaker:** Transferred for debate.

CRTC—CITIZENSHIP BRANCH MONTREAL—PILOT STUDY  
ON BROADCASTINGMotion No. 208—**Mr. Yewchuk:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the joint CRTC—Citizenship Branch Montreal pilot study of broadcasting with reference to non-official language groups.

**Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, the papers requested are of a voluminous character and would require an inordinate cost or length of time to prepare. I would, therefore, ask the hon. member to withdraw his motion.

**Mr. Yewchuk:** Transferred for debate.

**Mr. Speaker:** Transferred for debate.

*Oral Questions*NATIONAL FILM BOARD THIRD LANGUAGE FILM  
PRODUCTION RESEARCHMotion No. 211—**Mr. Yewchuk:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the research project evaluating the need for third language and ethnically-oriented film production by the National Film Board.

**Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, since the research report requested by the hon. member does not, in fact, exist, he may wish to withdraw his motion.

**Mr. Yewchuk:** Agreed.

Motion withdrawn and order discharged.

## ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

## THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

INCREASE IN COST OF LIVING—POSSIBLE AID TO THOSE  
ON FIXED INCOMES—GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the right hon. Prime Minister relating to the accelerating inflation of prices of virtually all essential items ranging from energy to shelter and nutritious foods, as indicated by the cost of living figures announced yesterday. I should like to ask the Prime Minister, who yesterday indicated he could not say whether he would be making a statement in the near future with regard to any changes in the government's "wait and see policy", now that he has had a chance to reflect for some 24 hours upon these very alarming figures and the effect of them upon ordinary Canadians has he reached any decision now to adopt any new policies?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, the Leader of the Opposition is not correct in assuming that we have been looking at this for 24 hours. I think it perhaps is the fact that once a month when the figures are released the opposition becomes aware of them, but I would want to assure him that the government is in a constant state of concern about inflation, and that is why through budgetary measures and many others we have taken a position to alleviate it.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

**Mr. Stanfield:** Mr. Speaker, we are, of course, touched by the Prime Minister's state of continuing concern, but we would be more impressed by some action.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

**Mr. Stanfield:** I would ask the Prime Minister whether he is prepared to recognize now the failure of the budgetary measures and other measures adopted so far to provide any relief for those on fixed incomes by restraining increases in prices, and I would ask him whether he will be making any statement or announcement of any new measures in this House either this week or next?