ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

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NATIONAL RESOURCES AND PUBLIC WORKS

Third report of Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works—Mr. Watson.

[*Editor's note: For text of above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.*]

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SOCIAL SECURITY

TABLING OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN FRANCE AND CANADA

Hon. Monique Bégin (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 41(2), I would like to table in both official languages copy of the Agreement on Social Security between the Government of Canada and the government of France.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. D. M. Collenette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 1,027, 1,254 to 1,265 inclusive, 1,399 and 1,400.

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

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LOANS TO CUBA

Question No. 1,027—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. With reference to the answer to question No. 45 which stated in part, that Cuba has not made all interest payments on the Canadian $10 million 3 per cent interest loan on time and is presently two semi-annual payments in arrears (a) what steps has the government taken to obtain the overdue funds (b) if the funds are obtained by the time this question is answered, what are the names and job designations of all Canadian officials who contacted Cuba directly or indirectly and who did they contact?

2. If payments are up to date, what are the exact dates that payments were received and the amounts involved?

Hon. Pierre Bussières (Minister of State, Finance): 1. Cuba was sent payment notices prior to the due dates for each payment by the Canadian government through our embassy in Havana. Reminder notices were subsequently sent in September, 1979, and March, 1980, when payments were not made on these due dates. All collection efforts were made by the diplomatic staff from the Canadian embassy in Havana. Canadian officials believe that the delays in payments were due primarily to administrative problems within the Cuban government. After duplicate disbursement statements and a financial status report were sent to the Cuban government, payments were made immediately. Cuba is not in arrears at the present time.

2. The three payments in arrears were paid as follows:

$385,267.74 in May, 1980

$298,732.82 in May, 1980

$150,300.62 in May, 1980

TASK FORCE ON THE CANADIAN AEROSPACE INDUSTRY

Questions Nos. 1,254 to 1,265 incl.—**Mr. Herbert:**

Did the sector task force on the Canadian Aerospace Industry recommend to the government in June, 1978, that the government should establish a policy for the Department of National Defence to earmark a fixed portion of its budget to be spent in Canadian industry for advanced technology equipment and research and development so as to provide a reasonable stimulus to its technology similar to that enjoyed by Canada's NATO partners and, if so, what was the government's reaction to the recommendation?

Did the sector task force on the Canadian Aerospace Industry recommend to the government in June, 1978, that the future human resource needs of the industry be audited and that urgent steps be taken to ensure that they can be primarily sourced in Canada and, if so, what was the government's reaction to the recommendation?

Did the sector task force on the Canadian Aerospace Industry recommend to the government in June, 1978, that restrictions which have developed to technology transfer, primarily with the U.S., should be eliminated by negotiating a return to the spirit of free exchange of technology in international co-operative agreements and an enhanced development of technology in Canadian industry, as a basis for sharing knowledge and, if so, what was the government's reaction to the recommendation?

Did the sector task force on the Canadian Aerospace Industry recommend to the government in June, 1978, that the modernization of the industry's production capability should be increased with government support and, if so, what was the government's reaction to the recommendation?

Did the sector task force on the Canadian Aerospace Industry recommend to the government in June, 1978, that government procurement should be used as a tool to support the industry and to assist in demonstrating its products to world markets and, if so, what was the government's reaction to the recommendation?

Did the sector task force on the Canadian Aerospace Industry recommend to the government in June, 1978, that the government should institute a policy of spending a fixed minimum portion of its defence capital budget for direct procurement of Canadian designed and manufactured advanced technology products, by reducing any hazard to the defence production sharing agreement, *inter alia*, by specially selecting work for sourcing in Canadian industry which can meet special Canadian sovereignty needs, e.g., provision of special Canadian operational systems and, if so, what was the government's reaction to the recommendation?

Did the sector task force on the Canadian Aerospace Industry recommend to the government in June, 1978, that the government should provide Canadian industry with funds and/or tax incentives and the opportunity to more directly perform R & D in support of future Canadian defence needs, by spending a meaningful fixed portion of its total budget on R & D in Canadian industry and, if so, what was the government's reaction to the recommendation?

Did the sector task force on the Canadian Aerospace Industry recommend to the government in June, 1978, that the government and industry should take special measures to develop a comprehensive operational support and maintenance engineering competence in Canadian industry, by the Department of National Defence defining and arranging Canadian based life cycle support capabilities at the start of its procurement cycle for new equipment and the government being ready to pay the front end costs to establish the Canadian sources and, if so, what was the government's reaction to the recommendation?

Did the sector task force on the Canadian Aerospace Industry recommend to the government in June, 1978, that the government should give consideration to increasing the allocation of funds for industry modernization assistance and,