

Mr. Jack Masters (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Communications): In so far as the Department of Communications is concerned, the reply to the above question is as follows:

(a) Three employees of O/A Adams Communications of Toronto are former term employees of the Department of Communications, Ontario region who were engaged in supply-
ing attendant services at the Government of Canada consolidated telephone switchboard, Toronto, Ontario in 1981; (b) The total person-days consumed by these former employees during the period January 1, 1981 to December 31, 1981 were 621; (c) The title of the positions occupied by these former employees was telephone operator and the classification of the positions was CR-2; (d) During the period of employment as term employees of the Department of Communications, Ontario region they were considered to be public servants.

[English]

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

Madam Speaker: Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, Notice of Motion for the Production of Papers No. 101 in the name of the hon. member for Portage-Marquette (Mr. Mayer) is acceptable to the government.

[Text]

"A STUDY OF SURETY ARRANGEMENTS OF LICENSEES"

Motion No. 101—**Mr. Mayer:**

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency praying that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of a report commissioned by the Canadian Grain Commission entitled "A Study of Surety Arrangements of Licensees" by Clay Blackwell.

Motion agreed to.

[English]

Mr. Smith: I ask that the remaining notices of motions for the production of papers be allowed to stand.

Madam Speaker: Shall the remaining notices of motions for the production of papers stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Supply

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

ALLOTTED DAY, S.O. 58—FISCAL AND ECONOMIC POLICIES

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops-Shuswap) moved:

That this House condemns the government for its fiscal and economic policies which have led to unacceptably high levels of unemployment, record personal and business bankruptcies and general economic instability; and its failure to address these problems in any meaningful way particularly with reference to job creation and security in communities dependent on forestry, fishing and mining.

He said: Madam Speaker, this is indeed a dark day in the House and in the country. The inappropriate behaviour of the Minister of Justice (Mr. Chrétien) has been uncovered.

Mr. Peterson: Nonsense.

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Chrétien: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. I have been somewhat silent, but the hon. member has suggested there has been inappropriate conduct on the part of the Minister of Justice. I could not be in the House on Monday night because I had a cold.

I want these insinuations to be clarified. I received a report—I have said this many times in this House—from the judicial council.

Mr. Nielsen: Order.

Mr. Chrétien: Do hon. members opposite not want to hear? They allege inappropriate conduct on the part of the Minister of Justice. I thought there was a rule in this House that a person can defend himself at times.

Mr. Nielsen: Order.

Mr. Chrétien: After 19 years in this House I think I am entitled to clarify the situation. If the hon. member does not want that, he should withdraw his comment about inappropriate conduct in this House.

Mr. Nielsen: Order.

Mr. Cousineau: Withdraw, Riis.

Mr. Rose: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Cousineau: Have respect for this House and this institution. I would bet the minister's record against yours, man.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Order, please. The Chair gave the Minister of Justice (Mr. Chrétien) the opportunity to rise on this point. I shall quote from Beauchesne's Fourth Edition, page 115, Citation 128, which reads as follows:

● (1650)

A personal attack, by one member upon another, is an offence against the House, in the person of one of its members—