

CANADA OIL AND GAS ACT

MEASURE RESPECTING OIL AND GAS INTERESTS

Hon. E. F. Whelan (for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-48, to regulate oil and gas interests in Canada lands and to amend the Oil and Gas Production and Conservation Act.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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[English]

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE '80s

CONCURRENCE IN THIRD REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Hon. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce) moved that the third report of the Special Committee on Employment Opportunities for the '80s, presented to the House this day, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

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[Translation]

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. 1,641, 1,679 and 1,736.

[Text]

ADMIRAL ROBERT FALLS

Question No. 1,641—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Was Admiral Robert Falls originally appointed a special defence adviser to the Prime Minister as a way of technically getting around regulations preventing him from being paid his salary by the government while working for NATO and, if so (a) on what date did he (i) commence (ii) cease to receive a salary for such position (b) was the cabinet order appointing him revoked and, if so, on what date?

2. Has the government found an alternative method of paying public funds to Admiral Falls and (a) if so, what are all the details (b) if not, is the stipend to Admiral Falls being covered by interests other than the Canadian government or is he working for nothing in return for accommodation and accoutrements therein being supplied to him by the government in Brussels, Belgium?

Mr. D. M. Collenette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): 1. In accordance with a standard procedure, Admiral R. Falls was appointed a special adviser to the Prime Minister in order that his salary could be set and reviewed in the same way as are the salaries of senior public servants occupying positions in agencies and departments in Canada.

Order Paper Questions

1 (a) and (b) and 2.

Admiral Falls began to receive a salary effective May 31, 1980, and continues to receive such salary. Until October 2, 1980, Admiral Falls was paid under the authority of the order in council appointing him special adviser to the Prime Minister. On October 2, 1980, that order in council was revoked, as an amendment to the Queen's regulations and orders had been approved by Treasury Board on September 18, 1980 which will allow Admiral Falls' salary to be set by the Minister of National Defence on the advice of the committee of senior officials on executive personnel.

PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES—ANSWER TO QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE

Question No. 1,679—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. With reference to the answers to questions numbered 1,484, 1,485 and 1,488 (a) whose signature appears on the manuscript of the answers and is it that of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Secretary of State and Minister of Communications (b) which state in part, "I am informed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as follows: . . .", on what date was the Parliamentary Secretary informed and what was the name and job designation of the person who informed him?

2. (a) Is the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation owned by the people of Canada and is it responsible to Parliament through the Secretary of State (b) is it government policy that the CBC is the only Crown corporation that does not have to answer questions by members of Parliament on its internal management, administration, etc. and, if so, for what reason?

3. Will the government consider making the CBC accountable on all of its operations to Parliament and, if not, for what reason?

Mr. D. M. Collenette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): 1. Standing Orders of the House of Commons provide for ministers and parliamentary secretaries to answer questions and table documents in the House. The government takes full parliamentary responsibility for its answers to questions.

2. (a) The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation is owned by the Queen in Right of Canada.

(b) No.

3. The government supports the policies it has on several occasions laid before the House of Commons.

CANADIAN ARSENALS LTD.—ORDER FOR AMMUNITION

Question No. 1,736—**Mr. McKinnon:**

Did the Department of National Defence place a \$2,828,535 order for ammunition with Canadian Arsenals Ltd. under contract number MA20.3689502 and, if so, (a) for what type of ammunition? (b) how many rounds will be purchased?

Hon. J.-J. Blais (Minister of Supply and Services):

(a) (1) Cartridge 105 mm Tank Target Practice Discarding Sabot With Tracer C36A2.

(2) Cartridge 105 mm Tank Target Practice Discarding Sabot With Tracer C36A3.

(b) (1) 2,942 Rounds.

(2) 4,558 Rounds.