

*Point of Order*

members could participate in the question period. That seems to be more undesirable than the difficulty we now face.

**Mr. Oberle:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order similar to that raised by the hon. member for Leeds. For two days I have been attempting, under Standing Order 43—which is a Standing Order providing for the discussion of matters of urgent and pressing necessity—to get Your Honour's eye. I also attempted throughout the question period to ask a question.

I understand the difficulty which Your Honour faces in recognizing all hon. members who wish to question the ministry on matters which are all important. However, it appears to me that when a member seeks the floor to raise a question of urgent and pressing necessity, and Your Honour does not recognize him for that purpose, it would be acceptable to recognize the hon. member during the question period because some of us do want to refer matters of urgent and pressing necessity to ministers, to this House and to the public. In this particular case it is a matter which urgently requires the attention of the ministry because it affects the lives and safety of Canadians throughout this country with regard to air traffic.

**Mr. Speaker:** I can help the hon. member to resolve that problem if he can help me to resolve the corollary problem, which is that when members put Standing Order 43 motions, and when they are not recognized later in the question period, many hon. members have felt they have been discriminated against in the past. It is a very difficult decision to make.

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## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### ELECTORS PRIVILEGE ACT

#### MEASURE TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN MEMBERS AND CONSTITUENTS

**Mr. Bob Kaplan (York Centre)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-406, respecting confidential communications between elected representatives and their constituents.

**Some hon. Members:** Explain.

● (1512)

**Mr. Kaplan:** Mr. Speaker, this measure would simply restate a bill from the last session which would ensure that constituents would be protected in confidences made to their elected representatives.

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

[Mr. Speaker.]

## PARLIAMENT OF CANADA

### MEASURE RESPECTING DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS BY PERSONS CONNECTED WITH PARLIAMENT

**Mr. Heward Grafftey (Brome-Missisquoi)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-407, respecting the disclosure of financial interests by senators, members of the House of Commons and certain other persons.

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

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[Translation]

### QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 322, 370 and 468.

I ask, Mr. Speaker, that all remaining questions be allowed to stand.

[Text]

### NATIONAL CAPITAL COMMISSION—PERSONNEL EMPLOYED FROM PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES

Question No. 322—**Mr. McKenzie:**

1. Has the National Capital Commission obtained (a) part-time (b) full-time employees from private employment agencies in (i) British Columbia (ii) Alberta (iii) Saskatchewan (iv) Manitoba (v) Ontario (vi) Quebec (vii) New Brunswick (viii) Nova Scotia (ix) Prince Edward Island (x) Newfoundland and, if so, in each case, how many?

2. Are such employees paid from supplementary estimates and, if not, from what estimates are they paid?

3. By province, what was the (a) average hourly rate paid to employment agencies (b) average hourly rate paid to employees (c) total amount paid by the National Capital Commission in (i) 1975 (ii) 1976?

**Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of State for Urban Affairs):**

1. Since April 1, 1977 the National Capital Commission has obtained temporary help from private employment agencies in Ontario to the following extent: (a) Thirty-four persons have been used on a part-time basis. (b) Four persons have been used on a full-time basis for periods longer than six months.

2. The costs involved are paid from the Commission's annual budget.

3. (a) The average hourly rate paid to employment agencies was:

|              | Ontario | Quebec |
|--------------|---------|--------|
| (i) 1975-76  | \$5.30  | Nil    |
| (ii) 1976-77 | \$5.81  | \$6.10 |

(b) Not known by N.C.C.