

*Point of Order—Mr. McGrath*

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton):** More truth than fiction there.

**An hon. Member:** A prediction of the future.

[Translation]

**Madam Speaker:** I apologize profusely to the Right Hon. Prime Minister, but the example comes from high places. The Right Hon. Prime Minister has the floor.

[English]

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Madam Speaker, I would draw your attention to the blues also, and I would ask that before this question is discussed any further, you rule on the right of the hon. member to say, as he did, that I intentionally misled the House.

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** Madam Speaker, I have great respect for the rules and traditions of the House. In my zeal to make a point I may have used the word "intentionally". Parliamentary tradition being what it is, I certainly unequivocally withdraw that statement to the Prime Minister.

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## POINT OF ORDER

MR. McGRATH—PUBLIC OPINION POLLS—REPLY OF MINISTER OF JUSTICE

**Hon. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):** Madam Speaker, I wish to raise a point of order arising out of a reply given today by the Minister of Justice (Mr. Chrétien) with respect to releasing certain polls that were commissioned by the government. My point of order is based on the means which the minister has adopted to get these polls out to members of Parliament. For example, he did not take advantage of Standing Order 41(2) which provides that any minister may lay upon the table of the House any document.

I may have a question of privilege, because if the minister had in fact laid the polls on the table of the House, we would have been in a position to make a judgment as to whether or not an advertisement which appeared last week in the *Financial Post* entitled "A Subscription to the Goldfarb Report" does in fact constitute a very serious breach of the privileges of this House. One section of this full-page advertisement reads:

In particular, the 1981 edition of The Goldfarb Report will include a detailed treatment of public attitudes toward the debate surrounding a new Canadian constitution.

It goes on to say where one may obtain the report. It would seem to me that up to this point what has been denied to the House is available through a professional consultant for a fee. This would seem to me to constitute a very serious breach of the privileges of every member of this House. I reserve the right to raise the matter later.

● (1510)

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

## QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**Mr. D. M. Collette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 1,205 and 1,368.

[Text]

ADMIRAL ROBERT FALLS' RESIDENCE—HOME FURNISHINGS—BRUSSELS

Question No. 1,205—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. What is the total cost of all contents, furnishings, fixtures or any other similar items, purchased, on order or being considered for purchase by the government for the residence being rented in Brussels for Admiral Robert Falls?

2. What is a complete list of all the items and, in each case, its cost in (a) the currency in which it was purchased (b) Canadian dollars?

**Mr. Louis Duclos (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs):** 1. The total cost of all contents, furnishings, fixtures or other similar items purchased, on order or being considered for purchase by the Department of External Affairs for the residence being rented in Brussels for Admiral Robert Falls is \$75,679.24. It should be noted that all such furnishings and equipment shall be usable by the department upon the termination of Admiral Falls' appointment as chairman of the military committee of NATO.

2. Attached is a complete list of items purchased by the Department of External Affairs together with the cost in the currency in which it was purchased and Canadian dollars.

Purchases—Admiral Falls Residence Brussels

(A) Purchases made in Canada

Requisition No.	Suppliers	General Description	Amounts
01084	Yamaha	Grand piano	\$ 4,057.00
01166	Creative Custom	Cabinets - tables - chairs	11,430.00
01167	Knechtel	Tea wagon	184.00
01169	Frederick Cooper	Lamps	235.43
01180	Sun-lite Int	Garden furniture	811.31
01181	Stackmore	Bamboo tables and chairs	1,097.35
01182	Barrymore	Fabric	104.00
01183	Samo	Fabric	82.50
01184	Barrymore	Wing chairs	5,652.00
01185	Craftline	Wall unit and tables	1,379.00
01186	Sanderson	Fabric	256.41
01310	Barrymore	Loveseat and chairs	3,720.00
01314	Sanderson	Fabric	671.15
01315	Greene's Lighting	Ceiling fixture and wall bracket	672.71
01435	Simmons	Box spring and mattress	130.00
01438	Barrymore	Fabric	440.00
01439	Famous Swiss Bedspread	Queen and single bedspread	587.00
01441	Barrymore	Fabric	2,686.75
01443	Kobe	Fabric	665.55
01444	H.P.L. Furniture	Headboard and night tables	131.00
01445	Simmons	Bedframe	30.50
01446	Charterhouse	Tub chair and ottoman	338.00
01447	Barrymore	Fabric	120.00
01448	Barrymore	Fabric	584.00