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Moreover, Bills C-22, C-26 and C-7, as well as Bill C-34, could be dealt with next week. I believe that if we can deal with these bills before next Friday, we could provide another interesting list for the following week.

[English]

Mr. Knowles: Madam Speaker, because there are comments around about the possibility of a summer recess, I wonder if the President of the Privy Council has anything more he can say today with respect to the question that I believe I have asked him every Thursday for the last two or three months. Surely he would agree with me that it would be unthinkable for this House to recess without dealing with the promised legislation respecting veterans and widows of veterans. Can he today give me firm assurance that this matter will be dealt with before there is a summer recess?

[Translation]

Mr. Pinard: Madam Speaker, I take it for granted that the request made by the hon. member concerns the bill on veterans' pensions and that he is much more interested in this than in the summer recess. If this is the case, I can confirm that his patience and confidence will be rewarded.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

CRITICAL SKILLS FOR THE '80s

PRESENTATION OF FIRST REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Hon. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present the first report of the Special Committee on Critical Skills for the '80s.

I have consulted with the House leaders of all parties and they are ready to grant immediate concurrence in this report without debate and formal vote.

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): Madam Speaker, that is agreeable to us. It is exactly in keeping with the original announcement of the select parliamentary committee.

Mr. Knowles: Yes, Madam Speaker, we too join in this agreement.

CONCURRENCE IN FIRST REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Hon. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce) moved that the first report of the Special Committee on Critical Skills for the '80s be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

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

• (1620)

[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 answered today: Nos. 48, 230, 366, 619, 778, 871, 1,040 and 1,220.

[Text]

VIKTOR MITROFANOVICH MYAZNIKOV

Question No. 48—Mr. Cossitt:

- 1. Was Mr. Viktor Mitrofanovich Myaznikov ever an accredited Soviet Diplomat to Canada and, if so, between what dates was he in Canada?
- 2. To the knowledge of the government and/or the RCMP, did Soviet Agent Sabotka, in September 1965, drive in a rented car to Brockville, Ontario in the Constituency of Leeds-Grenville and meet with Diplomat Viktor Mitrofanovich Myaznikov at the entrance of the Grenadier Inn just east of Brockville on Highway No. 2?
- 3. Did Mr. Myaznikov apply for permission to travel beyond the limit permitted without application to Soviet Diplomats and, if so, what destination did he state?
- 4. To the knowledge of the government and/or the RCMP, did Mr. Myaznikov actually hitchhike to Brockville and what was the purpose of his visit?
- 5. To the knowledge of the government and/or the RCMP, did agent Sabotka have a hotel room in Brockville and, if so, what was the name of the Hotel?
- 6. To the knowledge of the government and/or the RCMP, was Mr. Sabotka told by Mr. Myaznikov to pick up \$4,000 buried beneath a tree at Belanger, Ontario?
- 7. Was Diplomat Myaznikov, according to security records, identified as a member of the KGB?
- Mr. D. M. Collenette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council): I am informed by the Department of External Affairs and the Solicitor General as follows:
- 1. Mr. V. K. Myaznikov was an accredited diplomat in Canada from September 7, 1964, until August 15, 1968.
- 2. The policy of the RCMP is to preserve the confidentiality of all information it holds on individuals and organizations.
- 3. The Department of External Affairs does not maintain records of travel notices for more than one year.
 - 4, 5, 6 and 7. See answer to part 2.

URBAN AFFAIRS—NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

Ouestion No. 230-Mr. Herbert:

How many (a) permanent (b) term employees were on the Ministry of State for Urban Affairs' payroll on March 31, 1979?

Hon. Paul J. Cosgrove (Minister of Public Works): I am advised as follows by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation: MSUA had (a) Seventy-six permanent and (b) Five term employees on the payroll on March 31, 1979.