

Oral Questions

Mr. Roche: Yesterday, as recorded at page 3285 of *Hansard*, the government House leader took responsibility for denying unanimous consent to this motion. I only want to point out that since our side gave today a formal assurance that there would be no debate on this motion, which was the principal reason for not supporting motions under Standing Order 43, I think it is only proper to protest against his picayune interpretation of the rule—

Some hon. Members: Order.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member will realize that a motion put forward pursuant to Standing Order 43 requires unanimous consent in order that it be presented for debate. Once presented, it is debatable. Only last Friday the House learned that with great impact. Once the motion is presented, it is debatable and no member is able to guarantee that any motion, once put before the House, will not be debated by any other member because it is always the right of any individual member to rise to speak and that right cannot be denied either by the Chair or by any arrangement made in advance. Presenting Reports by Committees.

On the order: Motions.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Now that we are on motions, would the government House leader be prepared to present to the House a motion dealing with the situation in Uganda? Let it come as a government motion and let us deal with it.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Paproski: MacEachen said no.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Only the ingenuity of the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre could transform motions into a return to the question period.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Drummond): Mr. Speaker, I rose earlier when the Chair called for the presentation of committee reports but inadvertently I was not recognized; would the Chair allow me to present a committee report?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Drummond (Mr. Pinard) wishes to table a committee report. Is there unanimous consent of the House?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Pinard: Then I have the honour to table the first report—

[*English*]

Mr. Speaker: Evidently there is not unanimous consent to revert to the tabling of reports.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

[Mr. Speaker.]

Mr. McCleave: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I recognize the difficulty in which the hon. member finds himself, because the same thing has happened to me in the past. When Your Honour asked for presentation of reports, I saw the hon. member rise in his seat. I think, therefore, he should be recognized.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. If, in fact—as is obviously the case—the fault was not with the hon. member for Drummond but with the Chair for failing to observe him when he rose at the proper time, perhaps the House will extend the courtesy to both of us by consenting to reverting to the tabling of reports.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*Translation*]

JUSTICE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

First report of Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs, in both official languages—Mr. Pinard.

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

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

[*English*]

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 1,281, 1,282, 1,321, 1,525, 1,530, 1,536, 1,689 and 1,702.

[*Text*]

SERVICES DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FOR COMMUNICATIONS RESEARCH CENTRE—SHIRLEY'S BAY, ONTARIO

Question No. 1,281—**Mr. McKinley:**

What was the final cost and the completion date for the contract awarded on February 11, 1976 to Calor Mechanical Ltd. to install a services distribution system for the Communications Research Centre at Shirley's Bay?

Hon. Judd Buchanan (Minister of Public Works): Final contract cost, \$1,573,261 (estimated); Completion date, February 28, 1977 (estimated).

BUILDING OF NORTH WING MINISTRY OF STATE FOR URBAN AFFAIRS IN LA SALLE ACADEMY

Question No. 1,282—**Mr. McKinley:**

What was the final cost and the completion date for the contract awarded on October 16, 1975 to M.P. Lundy Construction Ltd. to build the north wing of