

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, January 20, 1971

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

CANADA-JAMAICA INCOME TAX AGREEMENT ACT, 1971

IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENT FOR AVOIDANCE OF DOUBLE TAXATION

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (for the Minister of Finance) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-217, to implement an agreement for the avoidance of double taxation with respect to income tax between Canada and Jamaica.

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

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

ROCHDALE COLLEGE

Question No. 28—**Mr. Paproski:**

1. How many students at Rochdale College list their country of origin as (a) United States (b) Canada (c) other countries?
2. How many professors or instructors at Rochdale College list (a) United States (b) Canada (c) other countries as their country of origin?

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): The government has no knowledge of the country of origin of the students or staff at Rochdale College.

*NATIONAL REVENUE—CONTRACT FOR STUDY OF LOCATIONS FOR BRANCH OFFICES

Question No. 110—**Mr. Asselin:**

1. Has the government entered into a contract with a firm of management consultants for a study on locations for branch offices of the Department of National Revenue?
2. Was the call for tenders general or by invitation and, if by invitation, what firms were asked to submit tenders?
3. (a) How many firms tendered (b) what firms were they (c) what were their respective bids?
4. Which firms were (a) Canadian (b) American?
5. Which firm was the successful bidder and is it (a) a Canadian firm (b) an American firm (c) a Canadian subsidiary of an American firm?
6. If the successful bidder is a Canadian subsidiary of a U.S. firm, will the project work be carried out by Canadians or Americans?
7. Does the successful bidder have twinned staff to carry out part of the project study in the French language?

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I can report to the House, Mr. Speaker, that the reply to this question has been prepared and I have it here. It is rather lengthy. I have had a conversation with the hon. member and he has agreed that the reply should be tabled but recorded in *Hansard* as if it had been read.

Mr. Speaker: Is this agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[*Editor's note: The text of the answer follows.*]

Mr. Jerome: 1. On August 6, 1970 the Department of National Revenue, Taxation entered into a contract with a firm of management consultants to carry out a study which would assist the Department in making decisions on the best scheme of field officers to serve the needs of the public and the Department to at least 1980.

2. The call for tenders was by invitation. The firms asked to submit tenders were: Booz, Allen & Hamilton Canada Ltd.; Ducharme, Déom & Associés Inc.; Kates, Peat, Marwick & Co.; P. S. Ross & Partners; S. M. A. Inc.; Stevenson & Kellogg, Ltd.

3. (a) Five firms tendered; (b) and (c) Their names and respective bids were: Booz, Allen & Hamilton Canada Ltd., \$152,000; Ducharme, Déom & Associés Inc., \$99,800; Kates, Peat, Marwick & Co., \$96,000; P. S. Ross & Partners, \$271,000; Stevenson & Kellogg, Ltd., \$55,500.

4. All the firms which submitted tenders are Canadian firms.

5. Booz, Allen & Hamilton Canada Ltd. was the successful bidder. It is a Canadian firm which is a subsidiary of an American firm.

6. Most of the project work is being carried out by Canadians. Some specialist assistance is being drawn from the American parent company.

7. The successful bidder is using bilingual staff where required for necessary interviews and research.

CO-OPERATION AGREEMENTS SIGNED WITH FRANCO- PHONE AFRICAN STATES

Question No. 395—**Mr. Fortin:**

1. What co-operation agreements have been signed with franco-phone African states during the past five years?
2. What are the details of each agreement?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): 1. The Agreement on Economic and Technical Co-operation between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Federal Republic of the Cameroen, signed at Toronto, September 15, 1970, is the only co-operation agreement having treaty status between Canada and a francophone African state. The agreement has not been ratified.