

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, December 29, 1971

The House met at 2 p.m.

CANADA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

CONFLICT OF INTEREST OF DIRECTORS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I ask leave to present a motion under the terms of Standing Order 43. It is one based on what I believe to be an urgent and pressing necessity. I do not expect that the House will support unanimously the substance of my motion but I hope hon. members will agree it is one which ought to be considered.

The *Financial Post* Directory of Directors for 1971 indicates that 19 of 23 directors of the Canada Development Corporation hold the office of president, vice-president or chairman of the board of 39 corporations and also hold among them 93 corporation directorships. In view of the obvious conflict of interest which may arise from this situation, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Timiskaming (Mr. Peters):

That this House is of the opinion that the government should consider the introduction of a bill to amend the Canada Development Corporation Act to provide that the directors of the said corporation shall divest themselves of any and all corporation directorships so that they will not be involved in any conflict of interest, and that in the meantime the government should request the said directors to divest themselves of any directorships they now hold.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. members have heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: The motion cannot be put.

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• (2:10 p.m.)

MANPOWER

CRITICISM OF TECHNIQUE OF EVALUATING EFFECTIVENESS OF TRAINING PROGRAM—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask unanimous consent of the House to move a motion under Standing Order 43. On December 7, and again yesterday, the Minister of Manpower and Immigration stated in the House that the Economic Council of Canada did not disagree with his department's evaluation technique of the Canada Manpower Training Program. Between pages 104 and 133 of its Eighth Annual Review, the Economic Council points out at least four essential

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deficiencies in the program and found the evaluation technique to be defective in a further four critical areas. Therefore, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Moose Jaw (Mr. Skoberg):

That this House refer the question of performance and evaluation of the Manpower Training Program to the Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: The motion will not be put.

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

PROHIBITION OF ENTRY OF BOOKS INTO CANADA

Question No. 1,764—**Mr. Orlikow:**

1. Were books, pamphlets, etc., prohibited from entering Canada last year under Item 99201-1, Schedule C of the Custom Tariff Act on the grounds that they are of a "treasonable or seditious nature" and, if so, how many?

2. Were books, pamphlets, etc., prohibited from entering Canada last year under Item 99201-1, Schedule C of the Custom Tariff Act on the grounds they are of an "immoral or indecent character" and, if so, how many?

3. What officials of the Department of National Revenue or what experts outside of the Department make the decisions prohibiting the entry of the above-mentioned items?

4. What procedures have been established for appeals by individuals or organizations who feel that the decisions of the Department are unfair or improper?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of National Revenue): In so far as National Revenue, Customs and Excise is concerned: 1. 1970 — two importations.

2. 1970 — 4,461 importations.

3. Decisions can only be made by officials of Customs and Excise. These decisions are first made by senior executives, and they can be appealed to the Deputy Minister. The decision of the Deputy Minister can be appealed to the Courts.

4. Appeal procedures are set out in Sections 46 and 50 of the Customs Act RSC 1970.

COMPLAINTS UNDER THE FEMALE EMPLOYEES EQUAL PAY ACT

Question No. 1,908—**Mr. Fairweather:**

In respect of the Minister's answer to Question 1,265, at page 5520 of *Hansard*, May 5, 1971, about complaints by virtue of the