

Petition

[English]

THE ADMINISTRATION

APPOINTMENT OF NEWFOUNDLAND REPRESENTATIVE TO CABINET

Hon. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Madam Speaker, my question is for the Right Hon. Prime Minister. It is now over six weeks since the Hon. Member for Burin-St. George's was forced to resign from the Cabinet, leaving Newfoundland the only Province not represented in the hon. gentleman's Cabinet. There are nine Newfoundlanders sitting in the right hon. gentleman's caucus, and there are five in this House. Does the Prime Minister intend to appoint a Newfoundland representative to his Cabinet? If so, when? And I hope he will avoid another lecture on prime ministerial prerogatives.

● (1200)

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Madam Speaker, maybe I should lecture the Hon. Member on the simple subject of fairness. The Member from Newfoundland who was in the Cabinet and who resigned, has his case before the courts now, and it is being decided very soon, I understand.

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PETITION

MR. FULTON—BROADCASTING ACT—AMENDMENT RESPECTING PORNOGRAPHY

Madam Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that the petition presented by the Hon. Member for Skeena (Mr. Fulton) on October 6, 1983, meets the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

PETITION

MR. RIIS—WINNIPEG—MORGENTALER CLINIC

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops-Shuswap): Madam Speaker, it is my honour to present a petition today on behalf of many hundreds of constituents who protest against the laying of criminal conspiracy charges against the doctors and staff and the Morgentaler Clinic in Winnipeg, who call upon the Government of Canada to take the necessary steps to ensure that the Clinic is approved as a hospital facility under the Criminal Code, and ask that the Government of Canada guarantee women have the right to exercise their democratic freedom by having a right to freedom of choice in reproductive health matters.

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. John Evans (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 4,794, 5,267 and 5,268 to 5,298 inclusive.

[Text]

ENERGY DERIVED FROM RENEWABLE RESOURCES

Question No. 4,794—**Mr. Howie:**

For the fiscal year (a) 1980-81 (b) 1981-82 (c) 1982-83, what amount was spent by the Government with respect to energy derived from renewable sources (i) on outside research and development (ii) on in-house research and development?

Mr. John Evans (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed as follows:

Department	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83
(i) Energy, Mines and Resources	340,000	425,000	488,000
Agriculture	694,154	1,452,200	2,964,250
Environment	4,594,000	6,213,000	8,011,000
National Research Council	6,354,000	9,701,000	12,511,000
(ii) Energy, Mines and Resources	92,000	105,000	361,000
Agriculture	None	None	None
* Environment	583,000	645,000	503,000
National Research Council	2,945,000	4,826,000	6,667,000

* It should be noted that the amounts reported in this reply for expenditures "in-house" were almost exclusively devoted to the design, management, and evaluation of research conducted under contract outside of the Department of the Environment.

QUESTION OF CONFIDENCE

Question No. 5,267—**Mr. Clark (Yellowhead):**

1. Does the Government regard Bill C-8, an Act to amend the Coastal Fisheries Protection Act, as a question of confidence, on which the life of the Government depends and, if so, for what reason?
2. Will the Government allow a free vote on all remaining stages of Bill C-8 and, if not, for what reason?

Mr. John Evans (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): See Beaudesne's Parliamentary Rules and Forms, Fourth Edition, Citation 171 (v), (w) and (cc).

See also *House of Commons Debates*, January 8, 1973, pp. 61-62.

Question No. 5,268—**Mr. Clark (Yellowhead):**

1. Does the Government regard Bill C-9, an Act to establish the Labour Information Bureau, as a question of confidence, on which the life of the Government depends and, if so, for what reason?
2. Will the Government allow a free vote on all remaining stages of Bill C-9 and, if not, for what reason?

Question No. 5,269—**Mr. Clark (Yellowhead):**

1. Does the Government regard Bill C-10, an Act respecting Canadian non-profit corporations, as a question of confidence, on which the life of the Government depends and, if so, for what reason?