

Oral Questions

transfers to the provinces have risen 40 per cent, or over 6 per cent a year. Established Program Financing, for example, has gone from \$14.500 billion in 1984-85 to \$20.368 billion this year; equalization, from \$5.422 billion to \$8.115 billion this year. Finally, Mr. Speaker, public services and other transfers have risen from \$6 billion under the Liberals to \$9 billion this year. That is steady growth.

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[English]

IMMIGRATION

Mr. Tom Wappel (Scarborough West): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the minister of immigration. It was reported last week that the minister intends to further restrict family class immigration. Unlike some members on the other side, I do not treat as gospel what is reported in the media.

I ask, not a reporter but the minister himself, a novel idea: What is he planning respecting family class immigration?

Hon. Bernard Valcourt (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, speaking of novel ideas, one thing is it is all right—

An hon. member: Family class.

Mr. Valcourt: Yes, family class is coming. One sure thing, we will not put them in refugee camps.

Mr. Tom Wappel (Scarborough West): Mr. Speaker, if people's actions were judged by what was reported in the media, the minister might not be a minister.

Last year the previous minister delivered the annual report on October 25 and announced the five year plan with great fanfare. This year the minister will wait until the last possible minute on the last possible day to deliver his report. We are dealing with people's lives here.

Why the delay? Is the news that bad?

Hon. Bernard Valcourt (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, the news is maybe not that bad but it would be better if he stood in this House and dissociated himself openly with that report which I believe really exists.

Last year we indicated that there would be restrictions on the family class because that class had mushroomed. What we want to ensure is that the family, as we know it, is reunited in Canada. When the regulations come out

the hon. member will thank us for not interning them and for making the family class eligible to come to Canada.

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JUSTICE

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. Last night the CBC informed us that Mr. Frank Majeau, a close friend of former minister Roch LaSalle, attempted in 1979 to receive a bribe from the McDonnell Douglas aircraft manufacturer for the awarding of a government contract. McDonnell Douglas has confirmed this fact.

When did the Prime Minister find out about this situation and did he know it when Mr. Frank Majeau was appointed as an assistant to a member of his cabinet, namely Roch LaSalle?

Hon. Doug Lewis (Solicitor General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, the matter is under review by the RCMP and the government is not in a position to comment.

[Translation]

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell): Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is for the Solicitor General. According to the same report, an officer of the RCMP's Montreal office accompanied Frank Majeau to St. Louis, Missouri when Mr. Majeau tried to get bribes from McDonnell Douglas for a government contract. Can the minister tell us who this agent is? Was he on duty? And especially, is he still a member of the RCMP?

Hon. Doug Lewis (Solicitor General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, as I said in English, there is an investigation. The government cannot comment.

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[English]

FISHERIES

Mr. David D. Stupich (Nanaimo—Cowichan): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Employment and Immigration.

Today the labour and employment subcommittee passed a motion recommending reinstatement of the emergency response fisheries program for fishing industry workers in B.C. The motion from the all-party committee also urged the Minister of Employment and Immigration and the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans to