

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

POSSIBILITY OF LAYING CHARGES AS RESULT OF SALE OF
TAINTED MEAT IN QUEBEC—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Justice. It arises out of the possibility of prosecutions arising out of the sale of tainted meat in Quebec. Has the minister had an opportunity to investigate those violations of federal statutes, particularly the Food and Drugs Act, arising from the activity of the Quebec policy inquiry? If not, when will the minister give his full consideration to a matter which involves the health and well-being of an entire province? If so, is the minister now prepared to lay charges under the Food and Drugs Act?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, the various facts to which the hon. member refers are the responsibility of provincial as well as federal authorities. It is customary in these circumstances to complete investigations before any charges are laid and not discuss the cases at large in advance of that.

Mr. McCain: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. If my questions a little earlier were as oblique as the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) would seem to indicate, I would like to say for clarification that under the cover of fog and darkness, it is believed that foreign fishing fleets have fished this summer with impunity within an area from which they are precluded by existing international agreement. It was my hope that the Prime Minister would seek from foreign fishing fleets an assurance of a behaviour that would in all respects assure an adherence to the letter of existing agreements. At the same time my question implied that it is to be hoped he would assume a firm posture with respect to Canada's position and the rights of coastal states to the long-term management of the resources of the continental shelf.

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Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member is expressing dissatisfaction with an answer he received in the question period. That is scarcely a point of order. Perhaps the hon. member intended to ask for clarification when expressing dissatisfaction.

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, on the same point of order, I made it perfectly clear that we took this action because we have evidence of overfishing by some foreign fleets. That was made perfectly clear to the House, and I do not see why the hon. member should cast doubt on that. As a result of that action the ports have been closed, and we took that action as a result of surveillance. I am glad to have the support of the hon. member for the government's action, but do not think he is justified in trying to reflect on things we have already done.

Order Paper Questions

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Jack Cullen (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 1,785, 2,191, 2,317, 2,343, 2,437, 2,439, 2,521 (Corrected), 2,567, 2,569, 2,620, 2,689, 2,718, 2,791, 2,793 and 2,967.

Mr. Speaker, if question No. 1,753 could be made an order for return, this return would be tabled immediately.

Mr. Speaker, would you be so kind as to call starred question No. 2,892?

I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

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FREELANCE SPEECH WRITERS

Question No. 1,785—**Mr. Clark (Rocky Mountain):**

1. During the period March 31, 1973 to February 28, 1975, on how many occasions did a representative of the government employ or otherwise arrange for the services of a freelance or contract speech writer to write speeches for a Deputy Minister or an Assistant Deputy Minister?

2. In each case (a) who was the Deputy Minister or Assistant Deputy Minister (b) what was the fee (c) what was the occasion of the speech (d) who was the freelance or contract writer?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Ministry of State for Urban Affairs as follows: 1. Once.

2. (a) J. W. MacNeill, Secretary; (b) \$225; (c) Speech to United Nations Preparatory Committee meeting re Habitat 76; (d) James Robb. Nil returns have been submitted by other departments and agencies.

ADVERTISING AGENCIES

Question No. 2,191—**Mr. Neil:**

What were the names of all advertising agencies in Saskatchewan used by the government or any Crown corporation in each year 1970 to 1974 inclusive and, what were the amounts paid to each?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Department of the Regional Economic Expansion and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as follows: The only advertising agency in Saskatchewan used by the Department of Regional Economic Expansion during the years 1970 to 1974 inclusive was Foster Advertising Co., Ltd., of Regina. The agency was used to meet the advertising requirements of the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration, a DREE Agency, for the three prairie provinces. Dates and amounts are as follows: 1970-71, \$6,742; 1971-72, \$8,360; 1972-73, \$5,809; 1973-74, \$47,862.

Canadian Broadcasting Corporation: 1970, Harvey Johnson, Regina Branch; 1971, Harvey Johnson, Regina Branch; 1972, Dunskey Advertising Ltd., Regina Branch; 1973, Dunskey Advertising Ltd., Regina Branch; 1974, Dunskey Advertising Ltd., Regina Branch. With regard to the amounts paid to advertising agencies, it has not been customary to require the CBC to divulge such details of its