

Eighth report of Standing Joint Committee on Regulations and other Statutory Instruments—Mr. McCleave.

[Editor's Note: For text of above reports, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

TABLING OF REPORT OF LAW REFORM COMMISSION ON EXPROPRIATION

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 41(1), I wish to table, in both official languages, the Law Reform Commission report on expropriation.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT WARRANTIES ACT

MEASURE TO PROVIDE FOR STANDARDIZATION OF WARRANTIES

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-433, to amend the Combines Investigation Act, to provide for the standardization of warranties, and to define the minimum provisions thereof.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. McKenzie: Mr. Speaker, this is a bill to amend the Combines Investigation Act to provide for the standardization of warranties and to define the minimum provisions thereof. All too often, the consumer purchases an automobile, refrigerator or any one of hundreds of products covered by warranty, only to have the product break down. When the consumer reads the warranty's fine print, he discovers that the document is so filled with exceptions and qualifications that the warranty is almost useless. This bill will correct these anomalies.

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

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. J.-J. Blais (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following question will be answered today: 4,575, 4,985 and 5,130.

[Text]

FISHING DRAGGERS

Question No. 4,575—**Mr. MacKay:**

What branch of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce is responsible for reviewing and granting subsidies to companies which own fishing draggers?

Measures Against Crime

Mr. Marcel Roy (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): in so far as Industry, Trade and Commerce is concerned: The Transportation Industries Branch gives subsidies to shipbuilders, including some who build draggers, but does not grant subsidies to companies which own fishing draggers.

LEGISLATION AMENDING THE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION ACT

Question No. 4,985—**Mr. Forrestall:**

1. Has legislation amending the National Transportation Act been drafted and, if so, when will it be presented to the House?

2. Is it intended that the Minister's Strategic Planning Officers' recommendations and findings, if any, will be (a) converted into amendments in the framework of the legislation (b) included in the proposed legislation?

Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): 1. Legislation amending the National Transportation Act is currently being drafted and it will be introduced in the House during the next session.

2. (a) Yes; (b) yes.

COST OF SX CATEGORY

Question No. 5,130—**Mr. Orlikow:**

What is the cost to the government in (a) salary (b) office rental (c) supplies (d) telephones (e) support services for each employee in the SX category?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council): The information requested is not readily available. To provide an accurate reply in its entirety, would entail a lengthy and costly examination of the accounts of every department, which would be exorbitant or prohibitive.

[English]

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

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT ACT (NO. 1), 1976

MEASURES FOR BETTER PROTECTION OF CANADIAN SOCIETY AGAINST CRIME

The House resumed, from Wednesday, April 7, consideration of the motion of Mr. Basford that Bill C-83, for the better protection of Canadian society against perpetrators of violent and other crime, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

Mr. Paul Dick (Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, how many times have we heard the saying, "Don't choose a book by its cover". The truth of the matter is that frequently when the content is weak, the publisher tries to enhance the appeal by putting on an attractive cover. Such is the case with this peace and security legislation which