

if the hon. member has a grievance and wishes redress he should seek it through the committee, not through the House.

Hon. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Madam Speaker, I think I understand the nature of the question of privilege the hon. member for Victoria (Mr. McKinnon) intends to raise. While I agree immediately and completely with the Chair that the question of privilege may not now exist, once the committee reports and the evidence is before the House it may well be that at that time the Chair may wish to consider it a valid question of privilege.

Madam Speaker: The hon. member is quite right. If at a later time this grievance is reported to the House, then it can be discussed in the House.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

PRESENTATION OF THIRTEENTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Bill Clarke (Vancouver Quadra): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present the thirteenth report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

[*Editor's Note: For above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.*]

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PETITION

MR. HALLIDAY—POLAND—IMPOSITION OF MARTIAL LAW

Mr. Bruce Halliday (Oxford): Madam Speaker, it is my duty and privilege today to table a petition signed by concerned citizens of the constituency of Oxford who decry the Prime Minister's (Mr. Trudeau's) weak and lamentable response to the imposition of martial law in Poland. The petitioners feel that the Prime Minister's statements about Poland have given comfort to the enemies of freedom and have been used for propaganda purposes, to the detriment of the Polish people.

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CANADA AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS STANDARDS ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-98, to amend the Canada Agricultural Products Standards Act.

Order Paper Questions

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. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 676, 2,364, 2,701, 3,481, 3,730, 4,035, and 4,055.

[Text]

IGOR GOUZENKO

Question No. 676—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. With reference to the answer to a question by the hon. member for Leeds-Grenville concerning Igor Gouzenko on May 21, 1975 at page 5981 of *Hansard*, which stated in part "from 1946 to 1962 Mr. Gouzenko was looked after entirely by the Canadian government", is the government aware that Mr. Gouzenko claimed in a press interview with the *Toronto Sunday Star* of April 13, 1980, that he received nothing from the government in the way of support during the years in question and, if so (a) in what way can the government account for this discrepancy (b) were cheques issued payable to Igor Gouzenko or any members of his family and, if so, were they given to the payees?

2. Did an Inspector Chick of the RCMP visit Mr. Gouzenko shortly after the question was answered in the House?

3. To the knowledge of the government, did Inspector Chick tell him that "there'd been a mistake, that politicians talk a lot of baloney" as claimed by Mr. Gouzenko in the *Toronto Sunday Star*?

4. Was the first pension received by Mr. Gouzenko paid in 1962 by the government?

Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General): 1. The government is aware that Mr. Gouzenko claimed in a press interview with the *Toronto Sunday Star* of April 13, 1980, that he received nothing in the way of support during the years in question.

(a) The discrepancy would appear to have been the consequence of an administrative error. According to the McDonald commission, which investigated the matter of Mr. Gouzenko's finances, a phrase was omitted from the initial RCMP draft reply. This omission substantially altered the meaning of the reply. However, the commissioners have concluded that no intentional design was apparent to mislead as a result of the answer given in the House of Commons in 1975.

(b) No cheques were issued payable to Mr. Gouzenko or his family, nor were government funds allocated for the Gouzenko family during the 1946-62 period.

2. Inspector Chick did not visit Mr. Gouzenko shortly after the question was answered in the House.

3. No, not to the knowledge of the government.

4. The first government pension was granted to Mr. Gouzenko in 1962.