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[English]

QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

Mr. D. M. Collenette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, if question No. 1,415 could be made an order for return, this return would be tabled immediately.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Is it agreed that question No. 1,415 shall be made an order for return?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Text]

CANADIAN POSTAGE STAMP PROGRAM

Question No. 1,415—**Mr. Greenaway:**

1. In each year since 1975 to date, what amount was spent by the government on the Canadian Postage Stamp Program for (a) design (b) production?

2. In each case (a) who was the designer (i) what was his/her province of residence (ii) what amount was he/she paid (iii) what was the theme or topic of his/her design (b) which design was (i) commissioned (ii) solicited (iii) unsolicited (c) which design was (i) used singly (ii) used as part of a named series (iii) not used?

3. For the same years, by name, denomination and designer, how many (a) single stamps (b) series stamps were devoted to Indian themes and what percentage of the total yearly cost did this represent?

4. For the same years, what was the (a) name of each member of the Stamp Advisory Committee and what was his/her province of residence (b) from what area of expertise was he/she drawn (c) how much time did he/she spend on the selection of stamps used in the program (d) what amount did he/she receive for his/her service?

Return tabled.

[English]

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

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I see there is a spirit of Christmas willingness to co-operate at this point in time. I rise in that spirit. I noticed on the order paper that the Minister of Justice (Mr. Chrétien) was going to introduce and give first reading to his bill with respect to amendments to the Criminal Code relating to sexual offences and offences against children. The reason that I raise that is that we have been waiting for a long time and pressing the minister to bring this forward, and I am just wondering why we cannot, in that same spirit that we have demonstrated now,

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allow this bill to be introduced. There are a number of people who are concerned and would like to see the legislation itself brought before this House and tabled so that we have the specific bill before us to study over the recess.

Second, I understand that the Minister of Justice is holding a press conference, and while I anticipate that he will not, of course, be revealing the contents of the bill itself, he is going to deal with the general directions in which the government intends to move in this respect. It seems to me that it would just be a matter of common sense and courtesy to this House that we now have the actual bill tabled before the House.

I think we should be able to arrive at some consensus in this House in this regard and allow the minister to come forward and go through the formalities. It is not a long process. It simply involves his tabling the bill. We can all then have it for our Christmas reading, and I think that suggestion should be taken seriously by the representatives of each of the parties.

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): A wonderful idea.

Mr. Knowles: Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the spirit in which the hon. member for Saskatoon West has made his appeal, but for reasons that some of the members of my party feel are valid they have asked me not to agree to the presenting of that bill today.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Stanley, why?

Mr. Collenette: Mr. Speaker, I wish to concur in the comments made by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre. There were discussions earlier, but it was impossible to reach an agreement. The minister has announced a press conference. We will go ahead with the holding of that press conference, but obviously we will keep the normal rules of the House of Commons in line since the actual bill itself has not been presented in the House.

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I just want to make it abundantly clear, if it is not already, that we were prepared to have that bill introduced today.

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 26

[English]

THE ECONOMY

EFFECTS OF RISING COST OF LIVING AND INTEREST RATES

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Broadbent:

That this House do now adjourn.

Hon. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Mr. Speaker, it is a real pleasure to be able to take part in a debate that has commanded so much of the attention of the House for such a long period of time. It has been most interesting to hear the