

to know that that individual was associated with the Prime Minister's Office. Why this underhanded approach to what was going on?

**Mr. Nickerson:** It is an underhanded government.

**Miss MacDonald:** Where are the explanations? That is at the heart of this question of privilege. As long as that sort of operation is able to continue, there is absolutely no guarantee for any Member of Parliament in this House who opposes the Government, or for any individual citizen across the land who is critical of the operations of this Government, that his or her rights and his other personal lives will not be investigated and will not be exposed for nefarious reasons by this Government. It is so bankrupt, Sir, that it will stoop to anything to try to hold on. Every day it digs its grave deeper.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Chair would like to state that it has heard fairly extensive argument at this point. The matter of privilege is a narrow one that has to be decided by the Chair. The Chair would like to proceed to other business of the House.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

### AGRICULTURE

#### PRESENTATION OF SECOND REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Second report of Standing Committee on Agriculture—Mrs. Côté.

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

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[English]

### PRAIRIE GRAIN ADVANCE PAYMENTS ACT

#### MEASURE TO AMEND

**Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-218, an Act to amend the Prairie Grain Advance Payments Act (spouses).

**Some Hon. Members:** Explain.

**Mr. Taylor:** Mr. Speaker, Section 7(3.2) of this Act discriminates against a productive farm woman who is legally married to a productive farm man. A farm woman who owns land and who has a permit book from the Canadian Wheat Board may, if she is single or living common law, receive prairie grain advance payments provided she has the grain in her bins to cover same. A farm woman in exactly the same category but who is married to a farmer who also has a permit book from the Canadian Wheat Board is denied advance

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payments. In all cases the bill is paid when the grain is taken to an elevator. This Bill will remove this discrimination against married women in this group. Our legislation should not encourage common law arrangements by granting benefits to a common law spouse which is denied to a legally married spouse when all other factors are the same.

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. John Evans (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 191, 330 to 335 inclusive, 361, 402 and 491.

[Text]

#### CONSULTANTS EMPLOYED BY TREASURY BOARD

Question No. 191—**Mr. Blenkarn:**

1. In the fiscal year (a) 1981-82 (b) 1982-83 were outside consultants employed by the Treasury Board and, if so (i) how many (ii) what was the total amount paid?

2. Were any consultants paid more than \$20,000 and, if so, in each case what (a) was his/her name (b) was the amount (c) services were provided?

**Mr. Peter Lang (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Treasury Board):** In so far as the following are concerned:

#### Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat:

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| 1. (a) 1981-82 | (b) 1982-83                        |  |
| (i) 37         | (i) 44                             |  |
| (ii) \$516,587 | (ii) \$383,184.04                  |  |
| 2. 1981-82     | (a)                                | (b) (c)  |
|                | Eric A. Milligan                   | \$ 62,900 To study and report on matters related to the Government's program on regulatory reform.   |
|                | Margot Priest                      | \$ 55,200 To study and report on matters related to the Government's program on regulatory reform.   |
|                | Hay Associates Canada Ltd.         | \$193,105.59 To develop a method of evaluating air traffic controller positions and for the development of appropriate salary levels, premiums and insured benefits. |
|                | Towers, Perrin, Forster and Crosby | \$ 22,000 To conduct a Preference Audit & Climate Review of Federal Public Service managers allocated or likely to be allocated to the Management Category, etc.     |
|                | Systemhouse Ltd.                   | \$ 25,000 To conduct an audit of the input aspects of the Official Languages Information System (OLIS).  |