

claims the lives of over 60,000 unborn babies annually in this country and living aborted babies have become a useful by-product for commercial use and medical experimentation, and because the undersigned believe that the unborn is truly a human being, they therefore ask the Government to pass legislation to recognize unborn babies, as well as the living survivors of abortion, to be truly living persons having the same rights as all citizens. In duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

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SENATE AND HOUSE OF COMMONS ACT

AMENDMENT RESPECTING LEASING OF CROWN LANDS

Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-241, an Act to amend the Senate and House of Commons Act.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that the Hon. Member shall have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Nickerson: Mr. Speaker, the objective of this Bill is to remove the inadvertency in the current legislation which disallows the leasing of Crown lands in the Yukon and Northwest Territories by Members of Parliament and Senators.

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

Mr. Speaker: When shall the Bill be read a second time? At the next sitting of the House?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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[Translation]

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. 152, 721, 785 and 786.

[Text]

CNR—BOARD OF DIRECTORS—LEGAL SERVICES

Question No. 152—**Mr. Crosby:**

1. What are the names of the members of the Board of Directors of the Canadian National Railways who reside in or represent Nova Scotia?

2. In the past five years, were (a) solicitors or lawyers from Halifax, Covert retained to represent or to provide legal services to CNR and, if so, what were their names?

3. (a) Was Mr. J.W.E. Mingo, Q.C., retained to represent or to provide legal services to CNR in the past five years (b) is Mr. Mingo a member of the Board

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of Directors of the (i) Port of Halifax Authority and, if so, who appointed him to that office (ii) CNR subsidiary or affiliate Halterm Limited and, if so, who nominated or recommended him for the appointment (c) is Mr. Mingo a solicitor for Halterm Limited and, if not, does the law firm of Stewart, MacKee and Covert act as solicitors for Halterm Limited?

4. Does the Government consider that membership in the Port of Halifax Authority, together with a directorship of Halterm Limited, plus a solicitor-client relationship with CNR or its subsidiaries or affiliate companies either directly or through a law firm might result in the holder of those offices, as a solicitor, receiving inside and confidential information which could result in a conflict of interest?

5. Was Mr. Mingo the recipient of confidential and inside information about the Port of Halifax Authority, CNR or its subsidiaries and affiliates and Halterm Limited and their relationship with Dart Container Lines and does the government consider this is a conflict of interest with his duties as Chairman of the Halifax—Dartmouth Port Commission?

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Transport): The management of Canadian National Railways, the Canada Ports Corporation and Transport Canada advise as follows:

1. Professor John Sears is a director of CN and resides in Nova Scotia.

2. (a) Yes. The firms of Cox, Downie; and McInnes, Cooper & Robertson. (b) No.

3. (a) No. (b) (i) Yes. The Minister of Transport. (ii) Mr. J.W.E. Mingo, Q.C., is a director of Halterm Limited, a company of which CN is a minority shareholder; however, he was not nominated by or on behalf of CN. (c) Since CN is a minority shareholder only, this question should more properly be addressed to Halterm Limited.

4. The Government does not consider that the posts held by Mr. Mingo place him in a conflict of interest position.

5. Canadian National, its subsidiaries and affiliates and the Canada Ports Corporation did not provide Mr. Mingo with confidential and inside information about their own affairs. It would be improper for CN, as a minority shareholder, to reply on behalf of Halterm Limited. See also answer to 4.

AGRICULTURE CANADA—LOCATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

Question No. 721—**Mr. Hnatyshyn:**

With reference to the answer to question No. 48, since February 2, 1984 was any decision made concerning the location to which the administrative offices of the Department of Agriculture, which are currently located in Saskatoon (that is the Prairie Regional Headquarters of the Research Branch, the Finance Directorate of the Finance and Administrative Branch, the Administration Directorate and Personnel) will be moved in Regina, Saskatchewan and, if so, will all or some of those offices be located in (a) Woodbine Place (b) the Derrick Building and, if so, what tendering procedure was followed in the selection of the building or buildings?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): No decision has been made concerning the location of Agriculture Canada administrative offices in Regina, Saskatchewan.

INDUSTRIAL AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY BOARD

Question No. 785—**Mr. Mazankowski:**

1. Is there an Industrial and Regional Development Policy Board and, if so, what (a) are its terms of reference (b) is the (i) name (ii) background or