

*Order Paper Questions*

there would be no ruling. I am not worried but I would just draw that to your attention.

• (1550)

**Mr. Speaker:** As a matter of fact, the point is well taken. The motion was read by the Chair, but before the question was put the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre quite properly raised a point of order and we began deliberation on it. In any case, the motion is not now before the House. What is before the House, by the consent of the House just given, is a motion by the President of the Privy Council, seconded by the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, that all questions necessary to dispose of the third reading stage of this bill be put tomorrow at six o'clock—

**Some hon. Members:** Or before!

**Mr. Speaker:**—not later than tomorrow at six o'clock, and that the House launch upon consideration of the third reading stage of the bill later this day immediately following the deferred report stage divisions.

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[Translation]

**QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER**

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 708, 1,028, 1,032, 1,128, and 1,129.

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

[Text]

**TRAINING EXERCISE—N.B.**

**Question No. 708—Mr. Jones:**

1. What was the reason for the 24 hour stop just south of Fredericton, New Brunswick during a training exercise involving the 2nd Battalion in October, 1974?

2. Have new four-wheel drive vehicles since been purchased and if so what was the total cost?

3. What was the total cost of the original plans to purchase the four-wheel drive vehicles?

**Hon. Barney Danson (Minister of National Defence):**

1. There is no record of a 24-hour stopover south of Fredericton in October, 1974 by the 2nd battalion of any regiment.

2. Yes. \$51,773,088.

3. \$67,960,000.

[Mr. MacEachen.]

**MEDICAL SERVICES**

**Question No. 1,028—Mr. Herbert:**

1. What is the estimated cost to the government of its share of the amount paid by provincial governments for payments for medical services received by Canadians while in foreign countries?

2. Has the government considered a *per diem* tax for Canadians returning to Canada to cover medical expenses incurred while in a foreign country?

**Hon. Monique Bégin (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** In so far as the Department of National Health and Welfare is concerned:

1. In 1977-78 the estimated amount paid for out-of-country services was \$20.8 million for services covered under the Hospital Insurance Program and \$5.5 million for services covered under the Medical Care Program, for a total of about \$26.3 million. The federal share of such costs under the Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements and Established Programs Financing Act, 1977 comes to about 50 per cent, or approximately \$13.2 million, taking into account both cash contributions and the value of tax points transferred to the provinces.

2. No.

DR. WILLIAM JAFFE

**Question No. 1,032—Mr. Diefenbaker:**

1. Did the government give its consent to the Government of France to confer on Dr. William Jaffe the Legion d'Honneur and, if so, on what date?

2. Did the government give its consent to the granting of the Award, some time ago, of Chevalier of the Order of the Legion d'Honneur on Premier Levesque and, if so, on what date?

**Mr. Louis Duclos (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs):**

1. The French government was informed on April 5, 1978 of Canadian approval of its request to award the "Order of the Legion of Honour" to Mr. William Jaffe in recognition of his contribution to France through his various publications.

2. The Government of Canada was informed of the possibility of Mr. Lévesque being awarded a decoration by the French government but was not asked to agree to it. In November, 1977 the Canadian government reminded the French authorities of Canadian practice regarding the granting of foreign awards to Canadian citizens.

**CANADIAN FORCES SUPERANNUATION ACCOUNT**

**Question No. 1,128—Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):**

1. What was the total amount at credit in the Canadian Forces Superannuation Account as at March 31 (a) 1976 (b) 1977 (c) 1978?

2. What rate of interest has the government paid for the use of this money during the fiscal years ending on the dates noted above?

3. What amount of interest was credited to the Canadian Forces Superannuation Account during the fiscal years ending March 31 (a) 1976 (b) 1977 (c) 1978?

4. What was the total amount paid of the Canadian Forces Superannuation Account during the fiscal years ending March 31 (a) 1976 (b) 1977 (c) 1978?