

Orders for Returns

support staff representing particular departments. General conference expenses will be paid by the Privy Council office.

2, 3 and 4. Approximately 10 to 12 ministers will attend plus six to eight officials and/or support staff from each of the departments involved. Definite numbers and names have not yet been decided upon.

5. The government is grateful to Mount Royal College Calgary for making the college available as the conference site without charge. Hotel accommodation will be booked in Calgary for federal participants in the conference.

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QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRMS HIRED TO PRODUCE PAMPHLETS EXPLAINING GOVERNMENT POLICIES

Question No. 865—**Mr. Orlikow**:

1. What public relations firms or economic or social research organizations commissioned by government departments, agencies, or Crown corporations, have been hired or given contracts to produce pamphlets, brochures, economic surveys, etc., for educating or explaining government policies to the public?

2. (a) By what department or agency were they hired (b) what specific task were they assigned (c) how much money were they paid (d) was the choice of the firm concerned arrived at by asking for tenders and, if not, how was the choice made?

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CANADIAN MERCHANT MARINE

Question No. 1,068—**Mr. Howard**:

What is (a) the name (b) the country of registry (c) the country of ownership of each of the ships of the Canadian Merchant Marine as mentioned in the answer to Question No. 688 of the current Session as given at page 1501 of Hansard?

Return tabled.

GRANTS FOR SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION SERVICES, 1972

Question No. 2,221—**Mr. Beattie (Hamilton Mountain)**:

1. How many grants were awarded for simultaneous interpretation services in 1972?

2. What was the total cost of these grants?

3. How many grants were awarded for such services from January 1, 1973 to May 31, 1973?

4. What groups were awarded grants for such services in 1972?

5. In what cities were these groups based?

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● (1440)

Mr. Knight: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. On February 13, I put five questions on the order paper concerning the overtime pay and travel expenses of public servants in the upper echelons. These questions on the order paper concern various departments including the Department of Manpower and Immigration and the Department of External Affairs, and it has been said that research is necessary in order to provide answers. I do not want research, I wish the facts relating to these matters. My point of order is that these questions have been on the order paper since February 13, and the four remaining

[Mr. Trudeau.]

questions are related to overtime in respect of federal departments. I suggest the facts and figures relating to the overtime of senior civil servants are normally provided for the public accounts, and I suggest they were provided in that form a decade ago. These expenses have been extremely high in the last few years and the public has the right to know about them.

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 26

[English]

HOUSING

STUDENT CO-OPERATIVE PROJECTS—ADMINISTRATION OF LOAN POLICY BY CENTRAL MORTGAGE AND HOUSING

Mr. W. C. Scott (Victoria-Haliburton): Mr. Speaker, I rise to move, under Standing Order 26, that the House do now adjourn for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter requiring urgent attention. I refer to the matter of the controversy ranging inside and outside the House over the administration of the student co-operative housing loan policy of the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Victoria-Haliburton (Mr. Scott) has forwarded the notice required under Standing Order 26. This has provided me with an opportunity to consider the hon. member's proposal that a motion to discuss the matter to which he has just alluded be considered at this time.

As I interpret the hon. member's proposed motion under Standing Order 26 he suggests, to use his words "the controversy ranging inside and outside the House over the administration of the student co-operative housing loan policy of the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation" be discussed now. My interpretation of those words is that he would like to discuss government policy or CMHC policy relating to certain colleges.

Obviously this is not a new question. Indeed, inquiries on the subject have been made of the minister over an extended period of time. In these circumstances it would be difficult for the Chair to rule that the requirement set out in Section 16(A) of Standing Order 26 has been met, to the effect that the matter proposed for discussion must relate to a genuine emergency. Some hon. members may suggest that the acceptance by the Chair of the hon. member's motion would not affect the question of government business for consideration today, since the matter would presumably be put down for debate this evening. Even with this in mind, I cannot find that the hon. member's proposal meets the strict conditions set out in Section 16 of Standing Order 26.

MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

[English]

Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, would you be so kind as to call Notices of Motions Nos. 77, 206, 208 and 211?