

MR. W. O. MORRISON

Question No. 375—**Mr. Malone:**

Was Mr. W. O. Morrison hired by the Prime Minister's office and, if so (a) on what date (b) what is the termination date of his employment (c) what is his salary per annum (d) what are his travelling expenses arrangements and what items is he able to include as expenses in the operation of his job?

**Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council):** No. (a) Not applicable. (b) Not applicable. (c) Not applicable. (d) Not applicable.

[English]

**Mr. Young:** I would ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it agreed?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

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## WAYS AND MEANS

## TABLING OF MOTION

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Deputy Prime Minister and President of Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I could ask the consent of the House to return to tabling of documents?

**Mr. Speaker:** Is that agreed?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. MacEachen:** Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Cullen), and in accordance with Standing Order 60, I am tabling a notice of ways and means and I ask you to designate the order of the day necessary for the consideration thereof.

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## CONFLICT OF INTEREST

## PROPOSED STANDING ORDERS TO GOVERN CONDUCT OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Deputy Prime Minister and President of Privy Council):** If I may continue, Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 41(2), I wish to table proposed Standing Orders of the House and Rules of the Senate with regard to members of parliament and conflict of interest. This is subsequent to the bill which has been introduced.

*The Address—Mr. Nielsen*

## SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

[English]

## CONTINUATION OF DEBATE ON ADDRESS IN REPLY

The House resumed, from Wednesday, October 18, consideration of the motion of Mrs. Ursula Appolloni for an address to His Excellency the Governor General in reply to his speech at the opening of the session, and the amendment thereto (Mr. Crosbie) (p. 238).

**Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon):** It is appropriate, Mr. Speaker, that I should be participating in this debate today, the first day of the first ministers' conference. The representation that the President of Privy Council (Mr. MacEachen) referred to, on the views of all Canadians being sought with respect to the form of their constitution, I am afraid does not hold water. The territories were assured, in correspondence by the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) with the premiers, that they would be represented at the federal-provincial conferences of first ministers, the Yukon by its commissioner and the Northwest Territories by its commissioner. Both would, in the words of the Prime Minister, "be part of the federal delegation."

These commissioners, as the House is aware, are appointed public servants, appointed by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, from whom they take their instructions. Of course whatever the minister says is followed, because unless his instructions are followed—which theoretically come from the governor in council—the commissioners would not have their jobs very long. But we in the Yukon, sir, are not even enjoying that degree of participation, if it can be called participation at all, in this very important conference on the affairs of our country because we have no commissioner.

The commissioner of the Yukon resigned last August, but then he really didn't resign, and should have resigned a good deal sooner if he followed the example of the ex-minister of labour of this government and the example of the attorney-general of Ontario, and the examples of the other ministers across the way who have tendered their resignations. In any event—

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** The list is too long.

**Mr. Nielsen:** As my hon. friend has said, the list is too long, and I do not want to take up the time in my remarks to go through the whole list, except to say that they did the proper thing.

As I say, the commissioner of the Yukon has resigned, but he has not resigned. Because of pending criminal charges against him, he has "stepped aside", to use his words. We in the Yukon were all under the impression that stepping aside meant leaving the post, but yet he has not stepped aside. The commissioner says that he has stepped aside and has discussed that action with the minister, but he is still there. He still draws his salary and occupies a government house, but he is not performing any of the functions with respect to the job.

Indeed, the daily affairs of the Yukon are now being carried out by an administrator, also appointed by the Minister of