

### Order Paper Questions

2. What amount was spent and is planned to be spent on joint federal-provincial demonstration projects for propane in transportation?

3. Are funds available to the departments to promote electric vehicle transportation and, if so (a) what are such funds (b) what proportion of the available funds has been spent?

4. What objective criteria are used to direct funding for promotion of one alternative transportation option in contrast to another?

**Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** I am informed by the Departments of Energy, Mines and Resources and Transport Canada as follows:

1. The following amounts were expended under the Propane Vehicle Grant Program in the form of contributions to commercial vehicle owners:

September 1, 1981—December 31, 1981	\$ 243,600
January 1, 1982—December 31, 1982	\$ 6,013,120
January 1, 1983—March 4, 1983	\$ 1,819,600

Under the Federal Propane Vehicle Program, the following amounts were expended to convert federal government vehicles:

1981-82	\$ 770,000
1982-83	\$ 1,830,000

2. No funds have been spent on joint federal-provincial demonstration projects for propane in transportation, and there are no plans to spend any.

3. Yes: for electric vehicle transportation research, development and demonstration through the Transportation Development Centre of Transport Canada. (a) Expenditures were \$442,134 in 1981/82 and \$433,500 in 1982/83 (estimated to year end). In 1983/84, a similar level of expenditure is planned. (b) All funds made available have been spent.

4. Criteria for funding under the federal energy R & D program on alternative transportation include: the degree of support for energy policy objectives; the relative maturity of the technology; the potential market impact (including fuel consumption share); the potential for Canadian industry and economic benefits; and the degree of support for areas of responsibility under Transport Canada.

[English]

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

**Madam Speaker:** The questions enumerated by the Parliamentary Secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions stand?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

● (1210)

## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

### BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

#### ALLOTTED DAY, S.O. 62—NON-CONFIDENCE MOTION— AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION TO INCLUDE PROPERTY RIGHTS

**Hon. Jake Epp (Provencher)** moved:

That, whereas the Constitution Act, 1982 provides that an amendment to the Constitution of Canada may be made by proclamation issued by the Governor General under the Great Seal of Canada where so authorized by resolutions of the Senate and House of Commons and resolutions of the legislative assemblies as provided for in section 38 thereof;

Now Therefore the House of Commons resolves that His Excellency the Governor General be authorized to issue a proclamation under the Great Seal of Canada amending the Constitution of Canada as follows:

#### PROCLAMATION AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION OF CANADA

1. Section 7 of the Constitution Act, 1982 is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"7. Everyone has the right to life, liberty, security of the person and enjoyment of property, and the right not to be deprived thereof except in accordance with the principles of fundamental justice."

2. The said Act is further amended by adding thereto the following section:

"60.1 A reference to the Constitution Acts, 1867 to 1982 shall be deemed to include a reference to the Constitution Amendment Proclamation, 1983 (property rights)."

3. This Proclamation may be cited as the Constitution Amendment Proclamation, 1983 (property rights).

He said: Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure for me today to present on behalf of my Party a resolution to the House of Commons which, if passed in the House and the Senate and approved by seven Provinces having at least 50 per cent of the population, will become part of our Constitution. Members of the House will note that the wording is exactly that which was presented by the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) to our Party last week. In a few moments I will deal with some of the history surrounding this question and what has led us to this present state.

I want to spell out for the House and for Canadians what the Government's commitment on property rights was back on July 9, 1980, when the Minister of Justice at that time, now the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. Chrétien), said when presenting the question of property rights to the Provinces. He said:

In deciding which rights should be included in this Charter we have selected only those which we feel reflect the central values of our society. Each of the rights we have listed is an essential ingredient for the Charter and all are rights which all Canadians should have regardless of where they live in our country.

We agree with those words. That was the Government's commitment to property rights at one time. That was there before the debate and the wheeling and dealing began. Suddenly, we found that that which was regarded as fundamental at one time or which was shared by most Canadians as being a value of our society, was suddenly not that. It was suddenly