

Order Paper Questions

Member indicated as to what should be donated, I leave that up to him.

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[Translation]

PETITIONS

AUDITOR GENERAL—ACCESS TO NECESSARY WORKING DOCUMENTS

Mr. Mike Cassidy (Ottawa Centre): Mr. Speaker, I wish to table a petition signed by a group of Laval University students who urge the government to respect the right of the Auditor General to have access to all the necessary documents he needs to carry out his assignments as an employee of the Parliament of Canada.

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[English]

FRESHWATER FISH MARKETING ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-235, an Act to amend the Freshwater Fish Marketing Act.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Nickerson: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this Bill is to revoke the monopoly on the interprovincial and international sales of freshwater fish from western and northern Canada presently enjoyed by the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation, thereby allowing fishermen the opportunity to receive more money for their catch.

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

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QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, if Question No. 69 could be made an Order for Return, the return would be tabled immediately.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that Question No. 69 be deemed to have been made an Order for Return?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

[Text]

DEPARTMENT OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL—HIRING OF OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS

Question No. 69—Mr. Nunziata:

Since the Solicitor General assumed office, were outside consultants employed by his Department and, if so (a) how many (b) what are their names and what was the total amount paid to each (c) for what purpose was their service engaged?

Return tabled.

[English]

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

Mr. Speaker: Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

ALLOTTED DAY, S.O. 62—PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Caccia:

That, in the opinion of this House, the Government has displayed negligence with regard to the protection, maintenance and improvement of the environment as manifested in its ill-advised reduction in services, its complacent attitude toward controlling potential hazards and its complete abdication of any leadership in the protection of the environmental health and safety of Canadians.

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg-Birds Hill): Mr. Speaker, just before the House rose for the luncheon adjournment I had been referring to the fact that the reaction of the Government to the PCB spill between Kenora and Ignace, and for all we know at many other points along the Trans-Canada Highway, points to the fact that there is a gap between the moral outrage felt by Canadians and the offence taken by Governments. I am not referring to any particular Government but to Governments in general. Often these kinds of incidents arise out of the negligence of either the private sector or respective Government Departments which are responsible for ensuring safe transportation of dangerous substances such as, in this case, PCBs.

One of the oddities of our society and our civilization is that we rightly get ourselves worked up about criminal acts, whether it be murder, theft, or whatever, acts which come under the traditional notion of what it means to act like a criminal. We have not reached the point—and I think we need to reach it very quickly—where we take moral offence at actions by Governments, the private sector or anyone responsible for introducing poisons into the environment with which human and non-human creatures have to live either in the short run or