

- (c) The contracts are awarded annually on a continuing basis provided an approved requisition defining the services required is received from the Department of National Defence.

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[Translation]

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

Mr. D. M. Collenette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, if question No. 177 could be made an order for return, that return would be tabled immediately.

Madam Speaker: The questions enumerated by the hon. parliamentary secretary have been answered. Is it the pleasure of the House that question No. 177 be deemed to have been made an order for return?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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

[Text]

GOVERNMENT PRESERVATION OF ARTIFACTS

Question No. 177—**Mr. Friesen:**

1. Have any departments or agencies of the government, conservation facilities for the preservation of artifacts of any description and, if so (a) where are these facilities located (b) what is the square footage of each facility (c) what does each facility do in specific terms (d) how many persons does each facility employ (e) how many conservators does each facility employ (f) do any of these facilities assist private individuals or agencies with conservation problems and, if so, how (g) what was the budget for each facility for (i) 1977 (ii) 1978 (iii) 1979 (h) are any of these facilities (i) rented (ii) leased and, if so, at what annual cost (i) what is the estimated value of the equipment used by the conservation personnel in each facility?

2. Is there any body or agency which co-ordinates all of these facilities and (a) if so, how many persons does it employ and how are they chosen (b) if not, for what reason?

3. How many of the conservators employed in each of these facilities were trained in Canada?

4. Do any of these facilities take advantage of the preserving capacities of the climate in northern Canada and (a) if so (i) what is the nature of these facilities (ii) with which "southern" facility are they affiliated (b) if not, for what reason?

5. Are any of these facilities set up with the sole purpose of developing conservation techniques to be employed in restoration of items deteriorating due to unique Canadian problems?

6. Have any of these facilities produced written material for publication on conservation problems or techniques they have confronted or developed and (a) if so, what is a list of these publications (b) if not, for what reason?

Return tabled.

[Translation]

Madam Speaker: Pursuant to Standing Order 54, I do now leave the chair for the House to go into Committee of the Whole.

Income Tax Act

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

INCOME TAX ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

The House resumed, from Wednesday, January 28, consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bill C-54, an act to amend the statute law relating to income tax—Mr. MacEachen—Mr. Francis in the chair.

On clause 1—

The Chairman: When the committee rose on Wednesday, January 28, 1981, clause 1 of the bill was under consideration and the hon. member for Kindersley-Lloydminster had the floor.

Mr. McKnight: Mr. Chairman, I understand I have a few moments left. As I notice the furniture being moved about, may I ask the Minister of State for Finance whether today is the day we get answers to our questions?

[Translation]

Mr. Bussi res: Mr. Chairman, I believe the agreement was that we would not go on with the clause by clause study—in other words as long as the debate would go on on Clause 1, I would not answer questions. Should debate on Clause 1 end later this afternoon, of course, I would be prepared to answer questions raised during the debate.

[English]

Mr. McKnight: Mr. Chairman, that makes it simpler. I will continue to ask questions, and I hope that at some later date I will receive the answers to them.

• (1520)

The minister knows that the spouse's tax allowance was copied from the Crosbie budget. Some of my constituents have been writing to me, and others have been telephoning. They are not as familiar with the ways and means motions as are some of us. Considering some of the language, as I explained earlier, we can understand that. They are wondering when this change will be made.

They would like to know whether a news release will be put out by the minister explaining to unincorporated businesses so they can be aware of the fact that, if a small businessman is making less than approximately \$17,000, and if he transfers much of that income to his wife, then one or the other of the spouses will be in trouble in terms of getting the maximum deduction under the Canada Pension Plan. Will the minister assure the House that he will prepare easy to read literature so that the taxpayer can take advantage of these proposals? Many people do not understand how to apply for Canada Pension Plan benefits. When they are due to them, they sit and wait, expecting them to come automatically at age 65. This is due to a lack of information.