

Oral Questions

praised the Peace Camp as a symbol of the peace movement in Canada, will the Minister reconsider his decision to use police force against young Canadians who are protesting war actions in Canada?

[Translation]

Hon. Roch La Salle (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, I made a decision. I said yesterday and I repeat today that anyone anxious to demonstrate in any way may do so in the appropriate manner. And, as usual, Mr. Speaker, there is no place to sleep on Parliament Hill.

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[English]

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

AWARDING OF CONTRACT—APPLICATION OF EXISTING GUIDELINES

Right Hon. John N. Turner (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I would like to put a final question to the Prime Minister relating to the Minister of Finance. What we are really trying to get at here, of course, is the question of a Minister's judgment. The Prime Minister has been referring to some brand new guidelines which he is going to introduce. Will he admit that the guidelines which I cited earlier this afternoon were in force throughout the entire relevant period relating to the facts surrounding the situation of the Minister of Finance? Were these guidelines not in force at all relevant times affecting the situation surrounding the Minister of Finance?

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, those guidelines were in force, but they were not breached.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

U.S.S.R.—MINISTER'S DISCUSSIONS ON REUNIFICATION OF FAMILIES

Mr. Alex Kindy (Calgary East): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Right Hon. Secretary of State for External Affairs. It concerns his recent trip to the Soviet Union. Could he indicate to the House whether he discussed the reunification of families with Soviet authorities?

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I discussed specifically with Soviet authorities the reunification of families and the very profound concern in Canada about questions of human rights in the Soviet Union. I also took the opportunity to indicate to Soviet authorities the view of the Government of Canada that there would be a much greater willingness on the part of the public of Canada to accept more extensive relations between our two countries if there were a change in the attitude by Soviet authorities toward questions of family reunification and human rights.

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CLERK OF PETITIONS' REPORT

AUDITOR GENERAL—ACCESS TO NECESSARY WORKING DOCUMENTS

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that the petition presented by the Hon. Member for Ottawa Centre (Mr. Cassidy) on Monday, April 22, meets the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

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Mr. Speaker: I have no ruling to make today, but I do want to make one small comment to the House. I might remind Hon. Members that our practice is to ask questions and answer questions through the Chair. We are beginning to develop the habit of referring across the floor to "you". I simply wish to remind Hon. Members that that is not appropriate.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

NATIONAL RESOURCES AND PUBLIC WORKS

PRESENTATION OF SECOND REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mrs. Barbara Sparrow (Calgary South): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the second report of the Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works, in both official languages.

[Editor's Note: For above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

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PROSTITUTION AND PORNOGRAPHY

TABLING OF REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to lay upon the Table of the House two copies in both official languages of the Report of the Special Committee on Prostitution and Pornography, also known as the Fraser Committee.

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PETITIONS

CHANGES TO UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT

Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, I have petitions from many Canadians across this country who are opposed to the change in the UIC Act which allows severance pay to be used in calculating unemployment insurance. I have the honour to present these petitions to the House of Commons.