

*Privilege—Mr. McKinnon*

documents he needs with him and therefore cannot raise the question.

The hon. member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen) points out that there is nothing in the Standing Orders which says a question of privilege has to be heard by the other party who is affected by the question of privilege. There is indeed absolutely nothing. Those are the Standing Orders, and it is in my discretion to hear the question of privilege even if the minister whose conduct is questioned in the question of privilege is not present in the House.

There has to be a balance in relation to a question of privilege. If an hon. member has a question of privilege, then it has to be dealt with very rapidly. If we defer questions of privilege for several days and they are serious, then I wonder what the meaning of the Standing Order is and what the meaning of a question of privilege is. If it is urgent, it is urgent and therefore has to be heard immediately. So it is a balance between these two things which I am trying to reach.

I do not like deferring questions of privilege. Thanks to some hon. members, I have gained a lot of experience respecting questions of privilege. An hon. member's insistence on raising a question of privilege in the presence of a particular minister calls for a debate rather than simply exposing a question of privilege. It might be in the interest of the House that questions of privilege be raised independently of whether a minister is present or not present.

I will accept the hon. member's suggestion that he raise his question of privilege tomorrow because he does not have the documents, but I urge hon. members to raise questions of privilege at the earliest opportunity. If hon. members are not here to defend themselves, sometimes I can rule independently of hearing them, and if I need to hear them I can ask them to rise in the House on another day.

## MR. MCKINNON—NOTICE OF QUESTION TO BE RAISED

**Hon. Allan B. McKinnon (Victoria):** Madam Speaker, I am rising to serve notice that I intend to raise a question of privilege tomorrow. I would be pleased to tell Your Honour why I am waiting until tomorrow. The chairman of the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence wishes to conduct his own investigation into this matter. I think it will take one or two days. A piece of documentary evidence which would be extremely useful to me is in French only, and I have not been able to have it translated as yet. I am not confident that I understand its full meaning.

The question of privilege concerns an attempt to falsify the minutes of a meeting of the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence, and I will give Your Honour notice tomorrow.

**Madam Speaker:** I have said repeatedly that I need not have oral notice in the House of a question of privilege. The hon. member can walk out of the House now and give me a written notice of his question of privilege, and that will suffice. Questions of privilege are subject to notice to the Chair in writing,

in which notice the member should give an indication of what the question of privilege is all about. I do not need oral notice in the House.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

## QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**Mr. D. M. Collenette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 137, 1,026, 1,559, 1,600, 1,608, 1,908, 2,195, 2,204, 2,234, 2,322, 2,370 and 2,407.

[Text]

## DOC EARTH RECEIVING STATION LICENCES

Question No. 137—**Mr. Greenaway:**

1. For each year 1975 to date, by province, how many earth receiving stations for the reception of satellite broadcast signals were licenced by (a) CRTC (b) the Department of Transport and, in each case, what were the reasons for approval?

2. For the same years, by province, how many earth receiving stations for the reception of satellite broadcast signals have been established without licences?

3. Have any such cases been prosecuted and (a) if so (i) how many (ii) where were they located (iii) what was the outcome of the prosecutions (b) if not, for what reason?

**Mr. D. M. Collenette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** I am informed by the Departments of Communications and Transport as follows:

1. (a) Television receive earth stations are licensed by the Department of Communications under the Radio Act.
- (b) Not applicable. This function was assumed by the Department of Communications approximately 12 years ago.

Department of Communications television receive earth station licences issued, by provinces, for the year 1975 to 1980:

	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
B.C.			1	1	6	7
Alta.					1	3
Sask.			1	1	1	8
Man.					2	3
Ont.				1	12	21
Que.	3	3	12	14	21	63
N.B.						3
N.S.					1	2
P.E.I.						2
Nfld.	1	1	1	1	2	2
Yukon		3	6	6	6	6
N.W.T.	1	2	4	4	4	4