

Mr. Keeper: Yes, a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In preparation for this meeting in Winnipeg, would the Minister share with Manitobans the documentation and background papers upon which the decision was made to cut out the Manufacturing Technology Institute in Manitoba?

Hon. Thomas Siddon (Minister of State for Science and Technology): Mr. Speaker, there were no analyses on which to predicate the spin-off that was alleged to arise from this Manufacturing Technology Centre. The real issue here is one of political philosophy. It is a question of whether our Liberal and Socialist friends across the way believe that we can continue to throw government dollars at the creation of jobs, or stimulate the private sector to do so. In the case of the Centre for Manufacturing Technology, that facility will be turned to the use of the economy of the Province of Manitoba and to the creation of thousands of new jobs in that province.

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PARLIAMENT HILL

REQUEST THAT PEACE CAMP BE REMOVED

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Mississauga South): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Public Works. The Peace Camp has been sitting on Parliament Hill for nearly two years. Is the Minister of Public Works going to remove the Peace Camp, or is he going to make rules and regulations to allow other people who may wish to protest to Parliament to set up permanent booths and camps and so on, on parliamentary facilities?

[Translation]

Hon. Roch La Salle (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, I have the impression that my colleague is asking me to do in a few weeks something which the previous Government failed to do in 18 months. Still, I might say that since temperatures are usually somewhat colder in winter time, I dare hope that we will not have to pass legislation on that issue, but that those people will look upon the coming winter months as an opportunity to find shelter in warmer surroundings and that there will be no need to urge them to leave Parliament grounds.

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[English]

PETITIONS

TABLING OF REPORTS BY CLERK OF PETITIONS

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that the petitions, with the exception of one, presented by Hon. Members on Friday, November 9, 1984, meet the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

Point of Order—Mr. Deans

ECONOMIC STATEMENT OF MINISTER OF FINANCE

Mr. Speaker: I regret to inform the House that the petition presented by the Hon. Member for Hamilton East (Ms. Cops) does not meet the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

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POINT OF ORDER

ALLEGED CITATION OF REPORT BY MR. WILSON

Mr. Ian Deans (Hamilton Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order which relates directly to an exchange that took place between the Hon. Member for Oshawa (Mr. Broadbent), the Leader of the New Democratic Party, and the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson). You will recall that during the Question Period the Member for Oshawa requested the Minister of Finance to place on the record before the public of Canada and the House of Commons the information pertaining to the number of jobs that would be affected by the recently tabled economic statement of the Minister.

The Minister referred to two matters. In his reply he acknowledged the existence of a report which showed the number of jobs which would be affected by the Government's economic measures that were announced last Thursday. The second point I want to make is that the Minister, in acknowledging the existence of the report, made precise reference to the content of the report indicating the effect of the economic statement on the number of jobs gained or lost in Canada as analyzed by the Finance Ministry and reported to the Minister. The Minister used that particular citation in an effort to influence the debate which is presently taking place in the House of Commons and also to influence the public of Canada in believing that the reference to which he referred was of little consequence.

I am sure it is not necessary but I draw your attention to Beauchesne's Fifth Edition, page 115. Under the heading "Documents Cited", Citation 327(1) reads:

A Minister of the Crown is not at liberty to read or quote from a despatch or other state paper not before the House, unless he be prepared to lay it upon the Table.

It goes on at some length but that is the relevant sentence. Citation 327(4) reads as follows:

Only the document cited need be tabled by a Minister. A complete file need not be tabled because one document in it has been cited.

Paragraph 5 is the relevant part:

To be cited, a document must be quoted or specifically used to influence debate.

Last Thursday the Minister rose in the House of Commons and delivered a speech. That speech resulted in a response from both Opposition Parties and was the catalyst for the exchange which took place today. It was as a result of the speech of the Minister that questions were asked today. Therefore the questions today are very much a part of the ongoing