

of the federal government within other departments, through job creation programs and so on, ethno-cultural community organizations are as entitled to make application in those directions for those purposes as any other group in Canada.

In the area that the hon. member is concerned about, the new program dealing with operational support in group development will provide funding for continuing activity for a period of up to three years for operational support. This is an area that is also of considerable concern to the community. We have moved in that direction at this time. I think it will be welcomed by the communities. In terms of specific funding for capital purposes, hopefully they will get the funding they require through other activities of the government rather than directly through our budget.

Mr. Perrin Beatty (Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, I will not take much of the time of the House. Having listened to the minister's statement, I simply want to make the observation that it is apparent the minister is, as usual, reaching ever higher platitudes of achievement.

Mr. Cafik: I appreciate the compliment.

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BROADCASTING ACT

AMENDMENT TO PERMIT INEXPENSIVE USE OF BROADCASTS FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-428, to amend the Broadcasting Act (educational use of programs).

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. McKenzie: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to enable school boards to tape radio and television broadcasts for use in schools at a cost that is not prohibitive and without incurring liability for copyright infringement. To this end, the bill would empower the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission to require the necessary contractual arrangements to be worked out between stations and networks on the one hand and authors and artists on the other.

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

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CANADA BUSINESS CORPORATIONS ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs) moved for leave to introduce Bill S-2, to amend the Canada Business Corporations Act.

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

Order Paper Questions

● (1612)

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. C. Douglas (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Communications): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 282, 532, 1,113, 1,148, 1,241, 1,250, 1,260 and 1,340. I ask that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

[Text]

N.F.B.—USE OF PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES BY CANADIAN GOVERNMENT PHOTO CENTRE

Question No. 282—**Mr. McKenzie:**

1. Has the Canadian Government Photo Centre obtained (a) part-time (b) full-time employees from private employment agencies in (i) British Columbia (ii) Alberta (iii) Saskatchewan (iv) Manitoba (v) Ontario (vi) Quebec (vii) New Brunswick (viii) Nova Scotia (ix) Prince Edward Island (x) Newfoundland and, if so, in each case, how many?

2. Are such employees paid from supplementary estimates and, if not, from what estimates are they paid?

3. By province, what was the (a) average hourly rate paid to employment agencies (b) average hourly rate paid to employees (c) total amount paid by the Canadian Government Photo Centre in (i) 1975 (ii) 1976?

Hon. John Roberts (Secretary of State): I am informed by the National Film Board as follows: 1. The Canadian Government Photo Centre has obtained (a) part-time and (b) full-time employees from private employment agencies in Ontario only. In 1975/76 17 part-time and one full-time employee were engaged in this manner. In 1976/77 23 part-time and three full-time employees were so engaged.

2. The Canadian Government Photo Centre operates on a Revolving Fund and is dependent on revenue from sales to finance its operation. Casual employees are therefore not paid from either main or supplementary estimates but from revenues earned.

3. (a) In the province of Ontario the average hourly rate paid to employment agencies in 1975/76 was \$4.09 for part-time employees and \$3.10 for full-time employees; for 1976/77 the average hourly rate paid to employment agencies was \$4.27 for part-time employees and \$4.30 for full-time employees. (b) Information not known. (c) The Canadian Government Photo Centre paid in 1975/76 and in 1976/77 a total amount of \$39,050.06 and \$46,889.31 respectively.

NUCLEAR EXPLOSION BY CHINA

Question No. 532—**Mr. Howie:**

Following the last known nuclear explosion by China, were significant increases in radioactive measurement detected in any Canadian province and, if so, what were the readings?

Hon. Monique Bégin (Minister of National Health and Welfare): The last known nuclear explosion by China was carried out on September 17, 1977. Increases in radioactivity in surface air were noted at 18 out of 24 sampling stations.