

Oral Questions

of thing has taken place, including announcements by members of different provincial governments of other political stripes, where they have had the opportunity to approve various projects, long before we did.

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YOUTH**OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS**

Mr. Heward Graffey (Brome-Missisquoi): Mr. Speaker, normally I would not direct this question to the Prime Minister but time is of the essence. In the absence of the Secretary of State I would ask the Prime Minister whether, in view of representations received from Canadians from all corners of Canada, the deadline for receiving Opportunities for Youth applications will be extended beyond today, March 1?

[Translation]

Mr. Gilles Marceau (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, to answer the question of my hon. friend, I would say the deadline will not be extended because those who complied with the law and whose projects are now in the hands of civil servants would not want a decision delayed by a new extension. Granting another extension is therefore out of the question.

[English]

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. In view of the fact there are many groups of students in remote areas of Canada who have not heard about the deadline date, would the Prime Minister reconsider the matter and discuss with the Secretary of State the possibility of extending the date for receiving applications under the Opportunities for Youth program?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I think it would be more useful to look into the premise of the question and find out why this information has not been conveyed to the students.

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INCOME TAX**ALLEGED QUESTIONABLE ADVERTISING OF NEW FORM FOR 1972**

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Minister of National Revenue. In light of the minister's letter to me as well as to my colleagues under date of February 26 in which he requested our ideas about possible improvements to the income tax forms, has the minister now concluded that the expensive advertising campaign using Fred Davis was misleading, that the new forms are not that much easier than they look, and is he now prepared to abolish this Davis waste of taxpayers' money?

[Mr. Andras.]

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member may agree with me that the question as asked is in the form of a representation rather than that of a question.

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GRAINS**QUESTIONNAIRE TO FARMERS ON FORM OF PAYMENT PREFERRED FOR WHEAT USED DOMESTICALLY**

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the minister responsible for the Wheat Board. Did he personally authorize the questionnaire which went out to 180,000 farmers asking them about the method in which they wished to have payments made for wheat used domestically?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Korchinski: May I then ask the minister why farmers are asked to finance a questionnaire intended to answer political questions which should be properly answered by the Liberal party?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I should just like to make clear to the hon. member that the implication of his question, and that of another member the other day, that this is somehow being paid for by the farmers is quite wrong. It is part of the general government administrative costs. It has often been said in this House that it is important for us to consult with farmers and farm organizations on important matters. In this case there was a significant difference of view among farm organizations and I thought I should take this rather straightforward and simple question to the farmers directly. I am surprised that the hon. member is objecting to that.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Korchinski: I rise on a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker. It is simply that the minister in his capacity as the minister who answers in the House for the Canadian Wheat Board is exercising a privilege that is not afforded to members of other parties in the House and in doing so is using funds not properly funds of the government but funds of the farmers. This is money that has been accumulated—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest to the hon. member that this is hardly a question of privilege. It seems to me it is a question of debate with the minister. I do not want to prevent his making that point, but at first glance it does not appear to me to be a question of privilege.

Mr. Korchinski: Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

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Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, naturally one is interested in the returns that are being received. One hundred and eighty thousand were sent out, there being no referendum in our country in effect. Is the minister now in a position to let the House know the