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[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Paul Dick (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, question No. 71 will be answered today.

[Text]

PENSIONSQuestion No. 71—**Mr. Nunziata:**

Does the Department of the Solicitor General or agencies under his responsibility, currently employ individuals now in receipt of a pension from the public service, the Canadian armed forces, the RCMP or other service to the Crown in the right of Canada and, if so (a) how many (b) in which agencies are they employed (c) what are the total salary expenditures?

Hon. Elmer M. MacKay (Solicitor General of Canada): (a) and (b) Ministry Secretariat 8 (Employees—one under contract); National Parole Board, one (board member); Royal Canadian Mounted Police, 59 (public servants and 195 members of the RCMP); Canadian Security Intelligence Service, 7 (employees); Correctional Service of Canada, 5 (employees under contract).

(c) Ministry Secretariat, \$296,604; National Parole Board, GIC-5, \$58,620 to \$68,990; Royal Canadian Mounted Police, \$7,630,600; Canadian Security Intelligence Service, \$201,500; Correctional Service of Canada, \$72,750.

[Translation]

Mr. Dick: I suggest, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: The question mentioned by the Parliamentary Secretary has been answered. Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[Translation]

BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

ALLOTTED DAY, S.O. 62—REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Axworthy:

That this House condemns the Government for undermining the will of Parliament and the Legislatures by failing to use industrial, decentralization, agricultural, transportation and equalization policies as well as its Crown Corporations to further economic development in all communities across Canada.

Mr. Claude Lanthier (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I am quite pleased to rise in the House and to deal perhaps in a somewhat brief but no less confident way with the rather unexpected issue we must address today. The purpose of this ill-advised motion is to condemn the government for undermining the will of Parliament by failing to use equalization policies to further economic development; that is in part how the motion moved by the Hon. Member for Winnipeg-Fort Garry (Mr. Axworthy) reads.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly object to this motion which I find without either rhyme or reason. Moreover, I find it passing strange and somewhat paradoxical that a few weeks after having fully debated in this House Bill C-39, to provide for the making of supplementary fiscal equalization payments, and at a crucial moment when the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs is called upon to consider this equitable and fair legislation, that the author of this bizarre motion has the audacity to put forward such a motion, or perhaps is it due to a lack of understanding of the Parliamentary system.

Since he appears so anxious to deal with the subject-matter of Bill C-39, I hope to meet him shortly during the forthcoming meetings of the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs, if his party appoints him as a substitute for the next few weeks. I am really eager to see him get together with his friends, the members of the old guard of federal politics, the self-appointed champions of Manitoba interests, who have the gall to condemn the government of Canada for providing Manitoba with \$115 million in total supplementary fiscal equalization payments.

I ask myself, and you as well, Mr. Speaker, whether the Government . . . and I quote:

[English]

Has the will of the legislators been undermined by this measure?

[Translation]

And when, immediately before that, reference is made to equalization payments, are these also against the interests of Manitoba? The Premier of that Province certainly does not agree with the Hon. Member for Winnipeg-Fort Garry, because he quite freely and aptly said, and I quote:

[English]

I think it is a good step for Manitoba.

[Translation]

To my knowledge, the Hon. Pawley is not known to be a Liberal.

What about the *Winnipeg Free Press* editorial of April 3, which bluntly stated that this was, and I quote:

[English]

Ottawa's fair decision.