

morally correct by making them available, when in fact a delay of a year to work out safeguards would surely be of less significance than the possible damage that might be done if these sales went ahead?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman seems to have overlooked the fact that while we are dissatisfied with the international standards we, for our part, have been applying stricter standards than anybody else.

● (1200)

SALE OF NUCLEAR REACTORS TO KOREA AND ARGENTINA—
REQUEST FOR TABLING OF SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS

Mr. James Gillies (Don Valley): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs the following question: Given the fact that this is a matter of enormous importance not only to Canada but to everybody in the world, why will the government not table in this House those standards and allow them to be debated? I am referring to the standards in the Argentine contract and in respect of South Korea and not to the general safeguards which the minister brought down last year. I refer to the specific safeguards which will make the government confident that it has safeguards which will make it impossible for Canada to be known as one of the great spreaders of nuclear weapons.

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, my colleague the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources did put forward very specific safeguards that we apply to all contracts. The hon. gentleman has not disputed these. He just wants to create the false impression that Canada is participating in traffic which I am sure is not supported by the Canadian government. He is trying to make cheap political points out of the efforts of the government.

Mr. Gillies: Mr. Speaker, I would hope the Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs would know that in all the time—it is not a long time—that I have been in the House of Commons I have never tried to make cheap political points. Let me say that I find it really quite intolerable, as I believe do most Canadians, for the government to say it has fine safeguards but is afraid to table them in the House of Commons and tell the Canadian people what those safeguards are.

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[Translation]

BILINGUALISM

SENDING OF FAMILIES TO PARIS FOR FRENCH LANGUAGE
COURSES

Hon. Jean Chrétien (President of the Treasury Board): I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Yesterday the hon. member for Edmonton Centre asked me whether it was true there were directives allowing civil servants to go to France with their families to learn French. I want to report to the House that there is no such directive. Civil servants are not allowed to go abroad to

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take advantage of language instruction programs. To learn French or English, one must stay in Canada.

[English]

Mr. Stanfield: Mr. Speaker, I gave you notice that I would be raising a point of order relating to answers that ministers have been providing the House relating to nuclear contracts abroad. However, since my point concerns not only the House leader but also the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. MacDonald), it might be preferable if I put it off until Monday when perhaps the other minister will be in the House.

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, a few moments ago the hon. member for Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton (Mr. Dick) suggested that the other night I had said that under certain circumstances defence counsel ought to plead their clients guilty, and I indicated I would check *Hansard* but I thought the word I meant to use was "often". I find, on checking *Hansard*, that the word shown is in fact "often". I regret that the hon. member for Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton has left the House, and I would like to ask him at the earliest opportunity to confirm that he had asked the question carelessly, without checking *Hansard*, and did not attempt intentionally to mislead the House.

Mr. Stevens: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday I rose on a question of privilege to point out that in answer to a question put by myself, the Minister of Finance (Mr. Turner) had indicated that in his budget speech there had been a forecast of real growth in the economy of between zero and 1 per cent. I indicated yesterday that there was no such forecast in his budget speech and said I hoped the Minister of Finance would correct the record. He replied that he would send me the reference. I still have not received the reference and I wonder if the minister could be given an opportunity to correct the record.

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman is perfectly correct. Those numbers were given in the speech I made at the federal-provincial conference which was tabled in the House by my parliamentary secretary, and the budget reflected those figures.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

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