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FINANCE

REPORT OF ROYAL COMMISSION ON CORPORATE
CONCENTRATION

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance. Can he tell us what has happened to the report of the Royal Commission on Corporate Concentration? Nothing has been said in the House about it in a definitive way for months. Will he bring out this old chestnut that it is subject to translation at this time?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Finance): Responsibility for that commission does not come under me. I will inquire and report to the hon. member.

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NATIONAL SECURITY

STATUS OF FORMER RCMP OFFICER

Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey-White Rock): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Solicitor General. The Solicitor General is aware that a former RCMP staff sergeant, Ed. Hameluk, has left the co-ordinating law enforcement unit in Vancouver to join John Meirs, a former associate of the late Howard Hughes. Since Mr. Hameluk was in a sensitive security position analysing intelligence and information sources and is now working for Mr. Meirs, who also had contact with CLEU, I ask the Solicitor General whether this matter is being looked into. Also, is he aware of the concern of other police forces in Canada about this matter, and what steps are being taken by him and, to his knowledge, by the attorney general of British Columbia to evaluate the situation?

Hon. J.-J. Blais (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. gentleman for bringing all those facts to my attention. I will look at the information he has provided, and if his evidence is accurate I will express the concern that he has expressed.

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ENERGY

USE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES

Mr. Stan Schellenberger (Wetaskiwin): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance. Because of the significance of international "Sun" day and the motion which received unanimous approval today, as well as the need for using renewable energy in homes and businesses, would the minister amend his budget to incorporate incentives to help people in Canada use renewable energy resources in their homes?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I will take note of the representation of the hon. member.

Oral Questions

NATIONAL REVENUE

REGULATIONS RESPECTING CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the minister who speaks on behalf of Revenue Canada. Is the minister able to reveal to the House the status of document 78-3, of February 27, entitled "Registered Charities, Political Objectives and Activities"?

[Translation]

Hon. Monique Bégin (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I would appreciate it very much if the hon. member would be kind enough to repeat his question. I shall gladly answer him.

Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Mr. Speaker, it seems to me that the minister represents Revenue Canada in this House, and I should like to know the present status of document No. 78-3 dated February 27, 1978, and entitled "Registered Charities—Political Objects and Activities".

Miss Bégin: Mr. Speaker, as far as I can remember—but I will gladly check with the Minister of National Revenue for further details—the document is entitled "Information Circular". These are documents relating to income tax that are issued regularly and distributed to all accounting firms and tax experts. In this case, it was sent to all charitable organizations, of which there are about 40,000, if I am not mistaken, and which are given tax concessions for charitable donations.

Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): I wish to ask a supplementary.

If I remember well, the Prime Minister has suspended the document concerned. I should like to know whether, according to the answer the minister gave us a few moments ago, the document's status is actually the one it has today.

Miss Bégin: I am sorry but I was not in the House for a few days. If the Prime Minister has suspended that document, I cannot see why the hon. member bothers to ask me a silly question.

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IMMIGRATION

FOREIGN ENTERTAINERS APPLYING FOR WORK VISAS

Mr. Jake Epp (Provencher): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Employment and Immigration. In view of the fact that the regulations in the new Immigration Act have been proclaimed as of April 10, and in those regulations there is a requirement that foreign entertainers are now obliged to apply at a Canadian consulate or embassy for a work permit, I should like to ask the minister whether, in view of the assurances we have received from him time after time during our study of the bill that fingerprinting would only be