

of province rates but also pay for the service out of country. That would have to be investigated as well.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

WITHDRAWAL OF PROTECTION FOR INFORMANT

Mr. John Nunziata (York South—Weston): Mr. Speaker, I have given notice of my question to the Deputy Prime Minister. It concerns Jean Pierre Galipeau of Montreal who is the individual who made public the fact that there was a security breach involving Mr. Frank Majeau. According to Mr. Galipeau, he is or was an RCMP informer and he now fears for his life.

Would the Deputy Prime Minister confirm that in fact he was an RCMP informer and that his protection code was withdrawn on January 5, 1987? And can he explain why the RCMP found it necessary to withdraw his protection code and thereby put his life in danger?

Mr. Murray Cardiff (Parliamentary Secretary to Solicitor General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, as I indicated earlier, it is impossible to identify any source regardless of whether they be an informant or not. As far as the withdrawing of protection is concerned, if there is a legitimate threat against any individual—a legitimate threat—protection should and would be there.

REQUEST THAT POLICE PROTECTION BE OFFERED

Mr. John Nunziata (York South—Weston): Mr. Speaker, Mr. Galipeau is going public because he fears for his life. He is admitting to being an informer and the Government refuses to offer him that protection. Will the Deputy Prime Minister admit that the real reason why Mr. Galipeau's protection code was withdrawn was because he embarrassed the Government? And will he immediately instruct the RCMP to offer Mr. Galipeau police protection?

Mr. Murray Cardiff (Parliamentary Secretary to Solicitor General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, I do not think direction has to be given to the RCMP, or to anyone, because if there was an informant, no matter who it would be who was being threatened, I do not believe that would be the case.

Mr. de Corneille: What would be the case?

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THE ADMINISTRATION

RESIGNATION OF MINISTER OF LABOUR'S CHIEF OF STAFF

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Labour. The Minister of Labour is one of many Ministers who is now living in interesting times.

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Could he explain to the House, and more importantly to the public, considering his former Chief of Staff had access to all sorts of confidential information, what discrepancy forced the Minister of Labour to fire his Chief of Staff?

Hon. Pierre H. Cadieux (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, as I indicated already, on January 19, 1987, I was informed of a discrepancy between the information submitted to the RCMP by Mr. Hennessey and the information obtained by the RCMP through a preliminary security check. After advising him it would take some time for the RCMP to complete its full investigation, Mr. Hennessey resigned.

REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is directed to the Prime Minister. When does the public have the right to know when something is going wrong in a cabinet Minister's office? Can the Prime Minister tell us, and the public, when we are going to find out information such as in the case of the Chief of Staff of the Minister of Labour? Why is the public not being told the truth?

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I dealt with this matter completely yesterday. I indicated to my hon. friend, and all Hon. Members of the House, exactly what the Government planned to do about it. I share the Hon. Member's concern which is why we have acted as quickly as we have.

Mr. Murphy: What is the discrepancy?

An Hon. Member: Read *Hansard*.

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THE ADMINISTRATION

RESIGNATION OF FORMER MINISTER OF STATE (TRANSPORT)— REPORTED INFORMATION LEAKS FROM PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

Mr. Dave Dingwall (Cape Breton—East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. All week the Prime Minister has been telling the House that justice must be done in this most sensitive matter and nothing should be done to prejudice the rights of any individuals unduly. Is the Prime Minister now telling the House today that he will not undertake to investigate those selective leaks from his office which could have the potential to affect unduly those individuals whom he says he wishes to have protection?

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, if the Hon. Member is asking me, as he says, will I not undertake to investigate such and such, the answer is no. I will not undertake to investigate—

Mr. Broadbent: Why?