

course we agree to suspend the sitting until 4 p.m. for the Budget.

**Mr. Pinard:** That was exactly the second part of the consent I was seeking. I said that if we reached Orders of the Day before four o'clock, the sitting be suspended. I welcome this consent as well, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it agreed and so ordered?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** Agreed and so ordered.

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[Translation]

### NATIONAL REVENUE

#### TAX ON BUSES FOR HANDICAPPED

**Hon. Pierre Bussières (Minister of National Revenue):** I would not want to tax your patience, Mr. Speaker, but in answer to the Hon. Members for Waterloo and Beaches earlier this week I said that we did not collect any taxes on the sale of buses for the handicapped. However, since the money had already been withheld, we paid it back yesterday. Technically speaking, we refunded rather than collected the money.

[English]

**Mr. Neil Young (Beaches):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I just want to thank the Minister of National Revenue (Mr. Bussières) for correcting that statement. I hope that he will correct the basic injustice as well.

**Mr. Walter McLean (Waterloo):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I also want to recognize the point that the Minister is making, which is substantial. In fact, the matter—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order please. The Hon. Minister has risen to make a correction to the record or to give an explanation.

**Mr. Ouellet:** Which has been done.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Minister made a statement which perhaps clarified certain things. It is a privilege extended by the House but the Chair does not propose to enter or permit debate on this matter.

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### PETITION

#### MR. NYSTROM—TESTING OF CRUISE MISSILE—CALL FOR FREE VOTE

**Mr. Speaker:** I have the honour to inform the House that the petition presented by the Hon. Member for Yorkton-Melville (Mr. Nystrom) on Thursday, February 9, 1984, meets the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

### Order Paper Questions

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**Mr. John Evans (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 340, 362, 385 and 389.

[Text]

#### CANADA STUDENT LOANS PROGRAM

##### Question No. 340—Mr. Orlikow:

1. Given past patterns and current post-secondary enrolment, how many Canada Student Loans will be consolidated by students leaving full-time studies between August 1, 1982 and July 31, 1983?
2. In each of the past four years, what was the total number of loans consolidated?
3. What is the total dollar value of loans that it is forecast will be consolidated in the fiscal year 1982-83?
4. In each of the past four years, what was the average per capita value of loans consolidated and what is the forecast per capita value of loans which will be consolidated in the fiscal year 1982-83?
5. How many of the students who consolidated their loans in each of the past four years and for whom consolidation is forecast in the fiscal year 1982-83 have been in the loans program for (a) one year (b) two years (c) three years (d) four years (e) five or more years?
6. What was the rate of default on the loans in each of the past four years and what is the rate forecast to be in the fiscal year 1982-83?
7. In each of the past four years and forecast for the fiscal year 1982-83, what was the difference between the interest rate charged on Canada Student loans and the average prime rate on a quarterly basis?

**Hon. Serge Joyal (Secretary of State):** 1-4. Canada Student loans consolidated by full-time students leaving full-time studies.

Loan Year	No. of loans consolidated	Total value	Average per capita
1978-79	59,000	\$129,000,000	\$2,186
1979-80	57,000	133,000,000	2,333
1980-81	56,000	136,000,000	2,429
1981-82	63,000	156,000,000	2,476
1982-83 (est.)	65,000-70,000	\$200,000,000	\$2,857 to \$3,077

Note: Current computer system does not maintain data on a historical basis. Therefore the above only represent estimates.

5. Computer records of loans are only maintained on a cumulative basis; therefore, it is not possible to determine the number of years for which the students who have consolidated their loans have been in the Canada Student loans Program.

6. The default rate is defined as the ratio of students who have become liable to repay their loans (i.e. have consolidated) as compared to those who have had a claim paid to a lender because of default in payment under their consolidation agreement. The rates below are cumulative from inception of the program to the end of each loan year indicated.