

Petitions

concerning revisions of the salaries of employees of the House of Commons effective April 1, 1984.

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PETITIONS

MR. WADDELL—INCREASE IN NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition on behalf of 250 residents, most of whom live in my federal riding of Vancouver-Kingsway. In signing the petition, which originally was a petition against the Cruise missile, the petitioners say that they support the statement endorsed by the United Nations in 1982, which was as follows:

The increase in nuclear weapons, far from strengthening international security, on the contrary, weakens it. Enduring peace cannot be built on the accumulation of weaponry.

I should like to submit that petition and file it with the House of Commons on behalf of the petitioners.

MR. DARLING—ACID RAIN CONTROL

Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, to the honourable House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled. The petition of the undersigned residents of Parry Sound-Muskoka who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right thus to present a grievance common to your petitioners in the certain assurance that your honourable House will therefore provide a remedy, humbly sheweth that, whereas acid precipitation is the most serious environmental issue facing us, especially in Muskoka, in this century; whereas the technology does exist to reduce the amounts of acid causing pollution from smokestacks and car emissions; and whereas the cost of not taking action would be detrimental and far more expensive in the long run, wherefore the undersigned, your petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to encourage the Government to continue its efforts toward greater emission control. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

This petition was signed by 166 petitioners from the United Church in Huntsville.

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[Translation]

CANADA DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT CORPORATION ACT

MEASURE TO ESTABLISH

Hon. Pierre Bussières (Minister of National Revenue) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-25 intituled "An Act respecting the Canada Development Corporation, Canada Development Investment Corporation and certain other corporations".

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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[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. 179, 351, 404, 425, 436, 508, 532, 608, 613 and 614.

[Text]

CATERING CONTRACTS FOR FEDERAL BUILDINGS

Question No. 179—**Mr. Jelinek:**

1. Are all food catering contracts for federal public buildings held by one company, Cater Plan and, if so (a) for what reason (b) were other catering companies given an opportunity to submit tenders for provision of this service?

2. Are there any food service contracts outstanding and, if so (a) how many (b) what is the duration of each contract (c) by what method will the contract be renewed?

Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of Public Works): 1. All food catering contracts for federal public buildings under the administration of Public Works Canada are not held by one company, CaterPlan. (a) Not applicable, (b) Yes.

In accordance with Treasury Board policy, the Ottawa Civil Service Recreational Association operates the cafeterias established for public servants in Ottawa and must call public tenders for caterers to provide this service.

Outside of Ottawa, Treasury Board has given the Canadian National Institute for the Blind the first opportunity to accept catering contracts which are for the use of public servants only. CaterPlan is the food service division of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

The decision with respect to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind was made by Treasury Board to provide employment for many blind Canadians and to yield revenue to assist CaterPlan in their work with the blind. CaterPlan Services continue to be the largest single employer of blind Canadians.

In cases where a Crown-owned building incorporates a commercial facility, i.e. one not for the use of public servants only, Public Works Canada advertises publicly.

Although not now in Quebec, Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CaterPlan Services) still maintains a working relationship with Servibec owned by blind former employees of Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CaterPlan Services). Servibec continues to maintain an objective similar to Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CaterPlan Services) in its employment of blind persons.