

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell): Mr. Speaker, I have a few brief remarks to make. First, I want to reiterate the words of the Hon. Member for Peace River (Mr. Cooper).

The committee has worked in close co-operation, and with unanimous consent we agreed earlier this week to ask the House for an extension of time to finish the report. The committee made considerable process in its study of the registration of paid lobbyists in Canada. The issue is important. Needless to say, initially the members of the committee were divided along Party lines. As time went by there was considerable progress and the committee acted in the spirit of reform which we established earlier this year. I believe that if the House gives us the additional time which we require we will produce a report which will demonstrate to all Members and the Canadian public that the spirit of reform has worked quite well.

● (1400)

I want to congratulate the Member for Peace River for the excellent way in which he has chaired our meetings. He did an excellent job. I think I speak for members of all political Parties when I say that he did a very good and non-partisan job, particularly at the time when our committee dealt with a controversy involving a Minister of the Crown. We had to interrupt our deliberations on the registration of paid lobbyists for two weeks to deal with that subject. It must have been a difficult time for the Chairman and the Clerk. In my view, they both did an excellent job. I would like to take this occasion to point that out to the House.

Unfortunately, one of the effects of that delay was that the schedule of the committee was delayed. The committee did examine the registration of lobbyists which now exists in the United States, but because of the delay which I just mentioned the preparation of our report has been delayed. I would like to echo the sentiments of the Chairman and ask Members on all sides of the House to concur in this report and give the committee the additional time it requires. I think the whole House will be pleased with the results which I am confident we will achieve.

Mr. Speaker: Is the House ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion. Shall the motion carry?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Order Paper Questions

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 560, 573, 582 and 586.

[Text]

CFS INUVIK

Question No. 560—Mr. Parry:

1. Has the government offered any concrete benefits to the Town of Inuvik to compensate for the removal of some 25 per cent of its economic base by the closure of the Canadian Forces station?

2. Does the government plan to demand a market price for the transfer of base facilities to Arctic College and, if so, in what manner will that price be determined?

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Departments of National Defence, Employment and Immigration and Public Works as follows:

1. CFS Inuvik was added to the mandate of the Interdepartmental Committee that was established to deal with the CADIN/Pinetree closures. The goal of the Interdepartmental Committee is to provide maximum assistance to the affected employees and communities using existing federal programs. The focus of activities is at the local level, utilizing existing programs and sources such as the Relocation and Mobility Assistance Program and the Industrial Adjustment Services (IAS) provided by Employment and Immigration Canada.

On June 26, 1985, the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission regional office in Alberta/N.W.T. signed an agreement establishing the Canadian Forces station Inuvik closure Industrial Adjustment Committee. The Canada Employment and Immigration Commission provided \$20,000 to assist the Committee in this task. Also, the complement of the Canadian Jobs Strategy programs is now and will continue to be available to the community of Inuvik upon closure of the Canadian Forces station this December.

2. Negotiations are currently under way with the Government of the Northwest Territories to dispose of CFS Inuvik at market value, for reuse by Arctic College. Current Government policy is to dispose of surplus property at market value, based upon a real estate appraisal which takes into account market conditions in the area, the attributes of the property and land tenure. In this case, an independent fee appraiser has been hired to complete the appraisal of Canadian Forces Station Inuvik.

PENSION PLANS IN PRIVATE SECTOR

Question No. 573—Mr. Gauthier:

1. To the knowledge of the Government, what is the most recent information available on the percentage of employees covered by pension plans in the private sector who belong to (a) non-contributory plans in which contributions for retirement benefits are provided entirely by employers (b) plans in which employers finance more than 50 per cent of required employer and employee contributions?

2. What is the average percentage of employers and employee contributions and payments made for retirement benefits in the private sector that is currently financed by employers?