

MR. PAPROSKI—NOTICE OF POSSIBLE QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE

Hon. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton North): Madam Speaker, I should like to reserve my right to raise a point of privilege. When the minister stated, in answer to my question this afternoon, that I froze the multicultural budget, I think he was deliberately misleading the House. I would like to look at the blues and to reserve my right to bring forward a point of privilege.

MR. BEATTY—NOTICE OF POSSIBLE QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE

Hon. Perrin Beatty (Wellington-Dufferin-Simcoe): Madam Speaker, I should like to ask your permission to reserve my right to raise a question of privilege next week in a matter related to that raised by my leader today, but which is independent.

Over the course of your ruling today you gave the House information on how you viewed the possibility that the government's advertising might constitute a breach of the privileges of members of Parliament. On the basis of that information I should like to have the opportunity to review the government's advertisements relating to the energy program, the multi-million dollar campaign, which gives false information and may misrepresent the position of Parliament.

Second, arising out of your statement that questions of privilege should be argued on the basis of whether or not the government's actions impede the ability of members of Parliament to discharge their responsibilities, I will want to take a look at that advertising campaign to see whether a case can be made, as I believe it can, that that expenditure of tax dollars to seize control of the energy debate, which was the intention of the government when they brought it in, according to a confidential memorandum prepared by one of their officials, constitutes a breach of the privileges of members of Parliament. I would simply like to reserve my right to argue a question of privilege at some point next week, if it seems merited.

● (1250)

MR. McCAIN—NOTICE OF POSSIBLE QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE

Mr. Fred McCain (Carleton-Charlotte): Madam Speaker, like the member who has just spoken, I should like to refer to page 3728 of *Hansard* which indicates that the government House leader is of the opinion that the substance of what we have been discussing, that is, government advertising, in no way interferes with the fulfilling of the obligations of members of Parliament. Very briefly, members of Parliament seem to have been prevented from fulfilling their duties. The government House leader said:

In the present case, there is absolutely no alleged fact which shows that members of Parliament seem to have been prevented from fulfilling their duty.

On the basis of that statement I submit that my opportunity to fulfil the responsibilities I feel as a member of Parliament cannot be properly undertaken under the circumstances of the debate, its presentation by the government, and the suggestion of the government House leader. Like the former speaker, I

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reserve my right to raise a question of privilege on that next week.

An hon. Member: Anything to delay debate.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. D. M. Collenette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 179, 928, 1,363, 1,440, 1,477 to 1,482 inclusive.

I ask, Madam Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

[Text]

CRTC—VANCOUVER, B.C.—OFFICE SPACE

Question No. 179—Mr. Friesen:

1. In (a) 1975 (b) 1976 (c) 1977 (d) 1978 (e) 1979, what was the square footage of office space occupied by the CRTC in Vancouver, British Columbia, and what was the location of each space?

2. (a) For the same years what was the cost of renting/leasing the space (b) what is the length of the present lease for this space?

3. How many persons were employed by the CRTC in Vancouver in (a) 1975 (b) 1976 (c) 1977 (d) 1978 (e) 1979 on a permanent basis in the category (i) administration (ii) secretarial (iii) clerical (iv) technical (v) other?

4. What was the amount budgeted for salaries in each of the above categories in (a) 1975 (b) 1976 (c) 1977 (d) 1978 (e) 1979?

5. How many persons were hired on a (a) part-time (b) contract basis in (i) 1975 (ii) 1976 (iii) 1977 (iv) 1978 (v) 1979 and, in each case, what was the length of time?

6. What were their duties?

7. Were any of the contracts or part-time agreements extended and, if so, how many times in each case and for what reason?

8. What was the cost of the salaries for (a) part-time (b) contract personnel in (i) 1975 (ii) 1976 (iii) 1977 (iv) 1978 (v) 1979?

9. What was the cost of the original furnishing of this space for (a) office equipment (b) telephones (c) furniture (d) plants (e) art?

10. What additional costs were accrued for each of the items listed in part 9 in (a) 1975 (b) 1976 (c) 1977 (d) 1978 (e) 1979?

11. What amount of the total budget was spent on taxis in (a) 1975 (b) 1976 (c) 1977 (d) 1978 (e) 1979?

12. What communications equipment did the CRTC have installed in this office space, i.e. teletypes, word screen equipment, etc?

Mr. D. M. Collenette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Canadian Radio Television and Telecommunications Commission and the Department of Public Works as follows: