

Point of Order—Mr. Orlikow

have patience. I was interested because I have heard that same excuse so many times.

I should like to direct the attention of the parliamentary secretary to the order paper. On October 14, I set down a series of about 50 questions beginning with No. 85, asking for information about the names of the chief executive officers, the presidents and vice-presidents of a large number of Crown corporations and their salaries. Not only did I put those questions on the order paper on the first day of this session, but they were on for most of last session, and if my memory serves me correctly they may even have been on the order paper of the session before.

I know it has not been customary in the past to give information about salaries paid to senior officials of Crown corporations. If the government holds the view that it is not in the public interest to give out such information, then it seems to me they ought to say so and not leave questions on the order paper.

I was interested in an article which appeared in yesterday's *Globe and Mail* and which reported—and I think correctly—that the head of the Bank of Canada receives a salary of around \$100,000 per year. I am not saying I think that is too high or too low, but I do not see why that kind of information should not be made available to the people of Canada. That is why I put the questions on the order paper. They are not difficult to answer, and it seems to me that I should have had the answers long ago. If the government does not want to answer the questions, surely they could say so in the regular way and then I could pursue the questions in committee or in some other way.

When the parliamentary secretary urges members to be patient, I think he should be honest when he gives that kind of advice. I do not think he is when he says that, in light of my experience and the failure of the government to answer questions which have been on the order paper this session and last session.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I take it that the hon. member for Winnipeg North (Mr. Orlikow) is not suggesting that the parliamentary secretary is being dishonest. He made a rather clear charge that he thinks the hon. parliamentary secretary should be honest and he does not think he is being honest. I want to be very careful that he is not accusing him of dishonesty before we go on.

Mr. Orlikow: Mr. Speaker, I am sorry. What I probably should have said was that I was not certain of his sincerity.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): In his remarks the hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings (Mr. Hees) told us how it was done in his time. Mr. Speaker, I will check to see whether things have changed after 16 years at the Department of Transport. I will also consider the representations made by the hon. member of the NDP and ask those who

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are responsible for research in the various departments and agencies to try and expedite the procedures involved so that complete answers can be given in better time.

[*English*]

Mr. Speaker: Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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[*Translation*]

ENERGY SUPPLIES EMERGENCY ACT, 1979

MEASURE TO CONSERVE STOCKS

The House resumed from Monday, February 19, consideration of the motion of Mr. Gillespie that Bill C-42, to provide the means to conserve the supplies of energy within Canada during periods of national emergency caused by shortages or market disturbances affecting the national security and welfare and the economic stability of Canada, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works.

Mr. Armand Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, with this bill, the government is once again trying to intrude into provincial affairs. Clause 15 states the following:

The board may, with the approval of the Governor in Council, enter into arrangements with provincial authorities for the regulation and pricing by such provincial authorities of the supplies of electric power—

In fact, Mr. Speaker, we are well aware that electric power comes within provincial jurisdiction. I am certain that every provincial government in Canada can recognize the problem caused by conservation. For this reason and others that I will mention later on, we of the Social Credit Party of Canada must oppose passage of this bill, which once again shows us the lack of sincerity of the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. Gillespie), who introduced it.

Mr. Speaker, when we consider the great oil resources of Canada and when we see the situation which has forced the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources to introduce such a bill, we may first want to laugh, but in view of the circumstances, it is normal to feel some anger, which I believe is justified. We know that in 1974 the government introduced a bill somewhat similar to this one, and it must once again introduce a bill which is quite close to the one passed in 1974. This bill clearly shows just what the Canadian government can do to protect the rights of the Canadian citizens from a multinational company, and I would like to say in passing, Mr. Speaker, that unfortunately, I was unable in the past to put a question on the order paper asking how much in back taxes