

Oral Questions

rather than initiate a system of racial prejudice up there where it does not exist at present in Aklavik.

In view of recommendations from the Indian self government committee report, will he reconsider clauses in the COPE and Yukon settlement agreements which would lead to the extinguishment of aboriginal claims rather than their recognition?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, it is strange to hear the Hon. Member being critical now when we are just on the advent, much to the consternation of those who oppose any land claim settlements with natives at all, of moving ahead in what I think is a very historical moment in the North with a final settlement on COPE, which the Hon. Member and his Party have always wanted, and when we just signed an agreement in principle with the Council of Yukon Indians on another major comprehensive claim in the Yukon. All this Member can do is stand up and start to criticize both claims, I take it, I do not know. If he is, let him realize that he is also insulting and criticizing the native interests both of the CYI and in COPE.

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NATIONAL REVENUE**TASK FORCE WITNESSES—REQUEST FOR ASSURANCE OF IMMUNITY**

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon West): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Revenue. I want to continue with what was introduced by my colleague from Waterloo with respect to this task force that is being brought forward by the Progressive Conservatives, because we are interested in going to the people, unlike the Liberal Party.

I want to get a clear cut and unequivocal assurance from the Minister that there will be immunity for people who come forward and give information with respect to the treatment they received from the Department of National Revenue, and that that information will not be used for prosecution or intimidation of those people with respect to their tax returns. I want a simple answer; yes or no.

Hon. Pierre Bussières (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, I am surprised by the paranoia of the Members of the Progressive Conservative Party.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

[*Translation*]

Mr. Bussières: Mr. Speaker, I do not know what kind of Government they would like to form, but our Government, in any case, recognizes and has always recognized and promoted the democratic values of Canadians. This Government adopted the Canadian Charter of Rights, which recognizes the rights of all citizens. I believe that for Canadian citizens, this Govern-

ment provides the best guarantee that the basic rights of the individual will be respected in this country.

[*English*]

TRAINING FILM FOR TAX AUDITORS—REQUEST FOR PUBLIC SCREENING

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon West): Mr. Speaker, the kind of government we on this side of the House want to provide is one which will give the average citizen, the taxpayers of Canada, a taxpayer's Bill of Rights. That is the kind of government that we want to produce.

The Minister will know that the value of showing the NFB film "Excuse me, but there is a computer asking for you", which was produced for Revenue Canada and shown on the CBC program *The Journal* was demonstrated by the insight it gave with respect to the attitude of the Department toward the Canadian people. But I understand that the training film for the auditors of the Government in this Department would make the other film pale by comparison. Why will the Minister not have a public showing for Members of Parliament who are interested, together with members of the Press at least, tomorrow, so that we can see what kind of attitude is being instilled in his auditors?

[*Translation*]

Hon. Pierre Bussières (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, I have made it clear to the Hon. Member that I was prepared to organize a meeting with senior officials of my Department and also to arrange for a screening of the film in question.

I can also inform the Hon. Member that in addition to my concern about the educational aspects of the film to which he is referring, I am also concerned about the educational value of the various instruments we use to train staff within the Department, and that is why I have a group of people who are going to review the various training instruments we use, both for the public and for training our employees, and ensure that these instruments meet the intended educational objectives and the broader objectives of the Government's policy and also respond to the concerns of Canadian taxpayers.

I can therefore assure the Hon. Member and the House that a thorough study will be made, and that the people who will be conducting this study will bear these principles in mind to ensure that these instruments of education are commensurate with the objectives they are intended to achieve.

[*English*]

Mr. Speaker: One supplementary. The Right Hon. Member for Yellowhead.

PUBLIC SERVANTS APPEARING BEFORE FARLINGER INQUIRY—IMMUNITY FROM RECRIMINATION

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Yellowhead): Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question for the Minister of National Revenue