

she had been suffering from these symptoms for two years after her home was filled with foam, and her physician was completely unaware of this problem and the symptoms that result.

In light of that I would ask the minister whether he would undertake to notify every physician in Canada of the potential hazards of this substance? Will he also provide testing equipment in every region in Canada so people experiencing difficulty can have access to this equipment? In addition, would he contact every contractor who has installed this material in order to obtain the names of individuals whose homes have been affected, so those people can be circularized by the government and if they are experiencing problems be told where they may obtain information. Finally, Madam Speaker—

Madam Speaker: Order, please. We have had about three questions in one and the hon. member is going on to a fourth one. I will allow the minister to answer those questions which have been asked.

Hon. Paul J. Cosgrove (Minister of Public Works): Madam Speaker, I will be happy to bring the member's representations to the attention of the minister, who is not here today. I might repeat, though, an answer I gave earlier in the House. I think his questions are somewhat premature as we are awaiting the final report on the status of the UF material.

Mr. Skelly: Madam Speaker, there was only one other point in that regard. I doubt the representations are premature since people are experiencing very serious difficulties with this material already. The previous speaker, the Minister of National Health and Welfare and the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs are fairly competent at putting off this matter. I am just wondering if the minister responsible for housing would take the bull by the horns and do something. The fourth point is, will the minister ensure that there is a financial program in place to help people whose homes have to be rehabilitated because of the government's encouragement of the use of this very serious and damaging insulation through the RRAP and CHIP programs, affecting approximately 100,000 homes in Canada?

Mr. Cosgrove: Madam Speaker, with respect, I believe the question is really a repetition of the same question which has been asked on three occasions. I do believe the question in substance is premature and I would have to wait for the report of the Minister of National Health and Welfare.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

REFERENCE TO BIRTHPLACE IN PASSPORTS

Mr. Stanley Hudecki (Hamilton West): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. The Canadian passport, presumably by international

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convention, has a heading indicating the birthplace of the citizen. This information can and has led to some discriminatory treatment at some foreign borders. Would the minister consider taking some steps to have this information deleted from this document?

Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Madam Speaker, I recognize that the fact that such information is required does occasionally cause difficulties for Canadian citizens, but for the vast majority it greatly facilitates their admission to various countries of the world because, under international standards for passports, that information is required. Therefore, while I will re-examine the question in the light of my hon. friend's comment, I would not want to encourage him to think that a change in the policy is likely.

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Mr. Pinard: Madam Speaker, I have had consultations with the House leaders of the opposition parties and I am pleased to report that we have come to an agreement concerning the second reading stage of the access to information bill. I therefore ask for unanimous consent to the following House order:

That on Thursday, January 29, 1981, the business first taken up under government orders shall be the second reading stage of Bill C-43, an act to enact the access to information act and the privacy act, to amend the Federal Court Act and the Canada Evidence Act, and to amend certain other acts in consequence thereof;

That, during debate on the said stage of the said bill, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes;

That private members' business shall not be taken up on the said day; and

That no later than 10 p.m., on the said day the Speaker shall interrupt proceedings and put forthwith and successively every question necessary for the completion of the said stage of the said bill without further debate or amendment.

Madam Speaker: Hon. members have heard the proposed House order. Does the House agree to that order?

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): Madam Speaker, there have been consultations with respect to that matter which we did discuss and agree upon. The question which I have in my mind is whether there will be any change in that now as a result of what occurred in the question period. Is it indeed the government's intention to carry that out and not change the business in the middle of the day?

Mr. Rose: Madam Speaker, on behalf of my House leader and of my party, I should like to confirm that I have been informed by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre that that is in fact the agreement. We will be pleased to participate in the debate on the grounds outlined.

Madam Speaker: Does the House accept the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.