

Adjournment Motion

immediately. The reason, once again, is the lengthy nature of the answer.

[Text]

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS—PRODUCTION OF MOVIE FILM

Question No. 2,009—**Mr. Crosbie:**

1. Did the Secretary of State for External Affairs have produced a movie film in colour, during the present financial year, containing his season's greetings to external affairs staff at diplomatic and consular posts around the world and, if so, how many prints were made and to how many diplomatic or consular posts were they shipped?

2. Was the film produced in colour by Crawley Films Limited, Ottawa and, if not, by whom?

3. What was the amount paid by the government for the film including all costs in connection with the making of prints and shipping them around the world?

4. How long does the film take to screen and will the government Table a transcript of the dialogue?

5. Has the Department or any former Secretary of State for External Affairs produced such a film in the past and (a) if so (i) in what year (ii) which Secretaries of State (b) if not, in what manner were season's greetings conveyed to the staff around the world and what was the cost for the last year in which such greetings were sent?

6. During the fiscal year 1976-77, did any other cabinet Minister send Christmas greetings or a Christmas message to departmental staff or to anyone by way of a film production and, if so, in each case (a) what was his/her name (b) what was the cost (c) to whom?

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[English]

Mr. Goodale: I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Brisco: Mr. Speaker, I will continue to raise this issue with the parliamentary secretary until I receive a positive and appropriate response as to why question No. 506, which has been on the order paper since October 14, standing in my name, containing very simple inquiries has not been answered in spite of the promises the parliamentary secretary has made to me. I would like a reasonable response from him.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[English]

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

Mr. Speaker: Order. It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Ottawa-Carleton (Mrs. Pigott)—Urban Affairs—Allegation government owes taxes to municipality of Ottawa-Carleton—Government action; the hon. member for Parkdale (Mr. Haidasz)—Consumer Affairs—Possibility of prohibiting use of asbestos fibres in preparation of food and beverages; the

[Mr. Goodale.]

hon. member for Halton (Mr. Philbrook)—Finance—Taxing of benefits from life insurance policies—Government action.

Order, please. The House yesterday came to an agreement that two hours would be allocated today for the termination of the debate on national unity; that if the House were to begin that debate prior to four o'clock, it would end in two hours' time; and that if the House were to begin the debate after four o'clock—which is the case today—two continuous hours should be allocated to the debate.

● (1700)

Therefore, pursuant to that agreement the debate will conclude at two minutes past seven. Furthermore, I should call to the attention of hon. members that the description of that agreement which is contained in *Votes and Proceedings* is not entirely in accord with the description of it as put by the President of the Privy Council yesterday. I simply want to clarify for the record that the interpretation I put on it today is clearly the one that the House agreed to yesterday, and it is slightly different from that described in *Votes and Proceedings*. On the basis of that agreement we will now proceed to the debate on that motion.

[Translation]

Mr. Caouette (Témiscamingue): I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Témiscamingue on a point of order.

Mr. Caouette (Témiscamingue): Yes, I rise on a point of order. I want to advise the House that concerning the continuation of the debate on national unity this afternoon, in view of the strong position the ministers took by refusing to give us a French copy . . .

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This question has already been raised by the hon. member for Richmond (Mr. Beaudoin). Now, it is simply in order to give the floor to the hon. member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. MacFarlane) and to conclude that debate.

Mr. Caouette (Témiscamingue): On a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Témiscamingue on a point of order.

Mr. Caouette (Témiscamingue): In the circumstances, we refuse to take part in the debate on national unity, and hon. members of the Social Credit Party of Canada leave the House immediately.

[English]

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I thought the point of order, if there was one, was disposed of. I hope the government House leader has now gathered himself together sufficiently so that he can indicate the business for tonight, if we reach it, for tomorrow and perhaps for next week.