

effective following the termination of his old agreement when he prepared his forecast?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman puts that question to me with a smile and I know why. It is a purely academic question, in view of the decision which must be taken by the Prime Minister and premiers this week.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Presenting reports from standing and special committees.

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege concerning conflicting answers given by two ministers on the treasury benches. A question directed to the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) by the hon. member for Rocky Mountain (Mr. Clark) was similar to a series of 29 questions I have placed on the order paper. Actually, the one just asked by my hon. friend was included among them. When I asked my question on this subject, namely, as to whether the monitoring of telephone calls was being contemplated—I believe that was my question at the time—by government facilities, the Prime Minister's answer, in effect, was that it was not in the national interest to answer the question. The Prime Minister's colleague on the treasury benches has answered an emphatic "No" to my hon. friend from Rocky Mountain House.

Mr. MacEachen: Where did you get the "House"?

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): I thought that place had closed down.

Mr. Nielsen: I think this place should close down.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I am sure the hon. member well knows that whether the conflict be real or imaginary, it does not constitute a question of privilege.

Mr. Nielsen: Mr. Speaker, I must insist—

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Rocky Mountain (Mr. Clark).

Mr. Nielsen: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of personal privilege, if I must.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Rocky Mountain has the floor.

Mr. Nielsen: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of personal privilege.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen) raised a question of privilege which has been dealt with. I believe the hon. member for Rocky Mountain also wishes to raise a question of privilege which has at least equal standing. He now has the floor.

Mr. Nielsen: Mr. Speaker, on a point of personal privilege—

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Mr. Nielsen: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of personal privilege. I think my question should be completed before the Chair rules on it. The question of privilege that I raise—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Rocky Mountain.

Mr. Nielsen: Mr. Speaker, on a question of personal privilege—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Nielsen: I have a question of personal privilege.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Yukon raised a question of privilege which has been dealt with. I have recognized the hon. member for Rocky Mountain. If the hon. member for Yukon has a second question of privilege he will be recognized in due course.

Mr. Nielsen: My question of personal privilege is that I was not allowed to complete my question of privilege.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Rocky Mountain.

Mr. Joe Clark (Rocky Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Despite its simplicity, it is important. In replying to the question asked by my friend from Yukon (Mr. Nielsen) a moment ago, the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) indicated that in the Minister's earlier reply to my question he had dealt exclusively with the question of monitoring telephone calls placed in Canada to points in Canada. That was not my question. My question had to do with monitoring, by any means, long-distance calls placed in Canada to points in Canada or abroad. It is important that the record shows whether the answer of the Minister of State for Science and Technology (Mr. Drury) was to the question I asked or to the question the Prime Minister wished I had asked. I would like an answer from the Minister of State for Science and Technology.

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 1,226, 1,248, 1,359, 1,517, 1,725 and 1,860.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that questions Nos. 48 and 152 be made orders for return and also ask the consent of the House to table immediately the information which has already been submitted. The balance of the information will follow as soon as it is submitted to me.