

*Oral Questions***ANTI-INFLATION BOARD****NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES NEEDED TO COPE WITH INCREASED WORKLOAD**

Mr. Sinclair Stevens (York-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. With estimates of his department already requesting nearly 400 employees to run the anti-inflation program, twice the original estimate of 200, will the minister tell the House how many additional staff members will be required by the Anti-Inflation Board in order to cope with the expansion of their activities announced in the order in council tabled yesterday which puts the number of firms covered by the board at 20 times the original estimate?

Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, that question should be directed to the Minister of Finance.

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I do not have a precise figure in that regard. I will see if I can seek one and communicate with the hon. member.

**POSSIBLE EXPANSION OF MONITORING ACTIVITIES—
EXPANSION OF CONTROLS—POSSIBLE ADMISSION OF NEED
FOR COMPREHENSIVE CONTROLS**

Mr. Sinclair Stevens (York-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, I would point out to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs that the estimates actually come under his department with respect to the Anti-Inflation Board. My supplementary question is to the Minister of Finance. Accepting that general insurance companies are now being reviewed with a view to possibly including those companies under the wage and price controls, will the minister tell the House whether the Anti-Inflation Board or he is considering any further expansion of monitoring and regulating activities into sectors of the economy as yet unaffected by the wage and price control program? Also, will he tell the House whether the expansion of the scope of the anti-inflation program represents an admission that selective controls are inadequate and a realization that comprehensive controls are more appropriate?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I wish to confirm that the Anti-Inflation Board will receive a reference from the government with respect to the general insurance industry. Of course, under the provisions of the law, that will be effective from the date of the public statement and the reference. The hon. member seems to be saying in one breath that the Board is acquiring too many personnel, while in the next breath he says it should engage in a program which would require many more personnel. I would have to reflect to see if there is any logic in the two positions.

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[Translation]

Mr. Béchard: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order concerning the rather strange manner in which the hon. member for New Westminster (Mr. Leggatt) objected to a motion which had already been passed. You asked three times for unanimous consent and obtained it. Then the

[Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale).]

hon. member for New Westminster rose on a point of order to say that he disagreed.

Being aware of the legal abilities of the hon. member for New Westminster, I am surprised that he took so much time in stating his objection to that motion which had already received, I respectfully submit, Mr. Speaker, the unanimous consent and which moreover had been passed.

[English]

Mr. Leggatt: On the point of order, Mr. Speaker. I was simply rising to point out that because of the noise in the chamber at the time—

Some hon. Members: Oh!

Mr. Leggatt:—it was entirely possible that Your Honour did not hear the “noes” which were uttered in certain quarters of the chamber. Since hon. members of the Conservative Party believe I said “No”, I want to tell them that this is perfectly correct. I did say no.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**FIFTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

Fifth Report of Standing Committee on Public Accounts—Mr. Crouse.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. J.-J. Blais (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 3,497, 3,532, 3,546, 3,911, 3,921, 3,940, 3,941 and 4,082. I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

[Text]

EMPLOYEES EARNING MORE THAN \$25,000

Question No. 3,497—**Mr. Fortin:**

1. How many employees are earning more than \$25,000 a year in (a) CNR (b) Air Canada (c) CBC (d) Polymer (e) Eldorado (f) CMHC (g) Industrial Development Bank (h) Farm Credit Corporation?

2. In each case, how many are (a) French-speaking (b) English-speaking (c) bilingual?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council): 1. (a) It has not been the practice of the Company to disclose data on employees' earnings in the manner requested. Certain details on annual earnings of various occupational groups of Canadian National employees, however, are available from the publication “Railway Transport” Part VI (Employment Statistics) issued annually by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.