

Oral Questions

I am also given to understand that this matter was discussed with Mr. Klein of the union; he does not dispute the fact that he was consulted. Indeed, he has indicated that Canadian workers with these particular skills were not available. His complaint relates, really, to his contention that Northern Electric had been guilty of failure to plan its manpower needs far enough in advance. This was the point at issue, and I think it has been resolved.

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LABOUR CONDITIONSTAPE OF CONVERSATION BETWEEN MINISTER OF LABOUR
AND MR. GRALEWICZ—REQUEST FOR RELEASE

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, I should like to return again to the matter of the tapes and address my question to the Minister of Labour. In view of the fact that under section 178.2.(1) of the Criminal Code which deals with the protection of privacy, the minister can give his consent to have the contents of the tape on the conversation between himself and Mr. Gralewicz released without criminal liability being attached to anyone, will he now undertake to give the necessary consent to those who are in possession of the recording and thus take the first step in releasing the tape?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour): I have already indicated to the hon. member, who seems to be making quite a point of this—

An hon. Member: Who wouldn't?

Mr. Munro (Hamilton East): First, I made no reference whatsoever to the hon. member, racially or otherwise. That is to the very best of my recollection. Since the hon. member still wishes to pursue the matter I think he should be made aware that, as the Solicitor General stated, and as I am stating now, this was a wiretap of a private conversation which was apparently picked up legally—this still has to be investigated—by a police force looking into allegations of criminal misconduct with respect to certain people. It seems to me I would be very remiss if I had anything to do with further leaking a tape of this kind which involves another individual in that conversation. If I had anything to do with setting a precedent of that kind, just about every member of the House will be open to the same type of vilification and innuendo in the future as I have.

Mr. Alexander: A short supplementary. I do not want the minister to get carried away. At no time did I ever indicate that he was the one who mentioned the racial slur. So let him not confuse the issue. I just want to ask the minister one question: what is he hiding?

Mr. Munro (Hamilton East): Disgusting.

[Mr. Andras.]

FINANCE

TAX ON BOATS AND MOTORS—APPLICABILITY TO FISHERMEN

Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Finance? In view of the disastrous economic consequences the new sales tax on boats and motors will have on the boat building and fishing industry in Canada, will the minister assure us that this tax will not be applied to fishing boats and fishing boat motors?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): It does not apply to commercial fishermen.

[Translation]

Mr. Francis Fox (Argenteuil-Deux-Montagnes): Mr. Speaker, on December 16 last, I had the honour of tabling the report of the Special House Committee on Egg Marketing. I should like to draw the attention of the House on a mistake that was made in the printed version of the report, in Issue No. 16 of the proceedings of the committee.

The administrative chart shown on page 9 of Issue No. 16 is not consistent with the original I tabled on December 16 last. It seems to indicate that the position held by the Minister of Agriculture of Canada (Mr. Whelan) comes under the provincial governments. Obviously the situation is not such.

I therefore ask that a revised copy be distributed to correct the printing error and make Issue No. 16 consistent with the report tabled in the House.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: Is it so ordered?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

WAYS AND MEANS

INCOME TAX ACT

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance) moved:

That a ways and means motion to amend the Income Tax Act laid upon the table Monday, November 18, 1974, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

INCOME TAX APPLICATION RULES, 1971

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance) moved:

That a ways and means motion to amend the Income Tax Application Rules 1971 laid upon the table, November 18, 1974, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.