

was the way I ruled in the first place. I do not think the matter can be pursued any further.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

DOMINION-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS FOLLOWING MEETING OF FIRST MINISTERS

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I should like to table, under Standing Order 41(2), copies of letters in both official languages which I sent to all provincial premiers following our discussions at the first ministers' conference. I should comment that my letter to Premier Davis also contains a reply to his telex of March 1, 1978.

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LORD'S DAY ACT

AMENDMENT TO INCREASE FINANCIAL PENALTIES

Mr. Peter Elzinga (Pembina) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-453, to amend the Lord's Day Act (penalties).

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Elzinga: Mr. Speaker, briefly the purpose of this legislation is to increase the fines levied when one is in violation of the Lord's Day Act.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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● (1512)

PETITIONS

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE OF NIP AND RRAP PROGRAMS

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that the Clerk of the House has laid upon the table the twelfth report of the Clerk of Petitions stating that he has examined the petition presented by the hon. member for St. John's West (Mr. Crosbie) and finds that it meets the requirements of the standing orders as to form.

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[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Order Paper Questions

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 762, 1,485, 1,488 and 1,515.

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

[Text]

NATIONAL REVENUE—TAXATION

Question No. 762—**Mr. Hnatyshyn:**

1. Did the Department of National Revenue (Taxation) conduct a close surveillance operation on Thomas Mighty Midway and Bernard Thomas of Lennox, South Dakota, U.S.A., during the period June 24 and July 23, 1977 at the time the Midway was operating in Canada and, if so, for what reason?

2. How many Departmental members were employed from (a) Calgary (b) Saskatoon (c) Winnipeg (d) Thunder Bay (e) elsewhere, at (i) Thunder Bay, during the period June 24 to July 2, 1977 (ii) Saskatoon, during the period July 11 to July 16, 1977 (iii) Lethbridge, during the period July 18 to July 23, 1977?

3. How many additional persons did the Department employ through Manpower Canada or any other federal agency or department, including the Royal Canadian Mounted Police at (a) Thunder Bay (b) Saskatoon (c) Lethbridge (d) the Customs Port of Entry at Pigeon River, Ontario, during the close surveillance operation?

4. What was the cost of transportation for Departmental staff from their places of regular employment to (a) Thunder Bay (b) Saskatoon (c) Lethbridge?

5. What was the cost of (a) accommodation and meals (b) overtime for Departmental staff during the period of close surveillance at (i) Thunder Bay (ii) Saskatoon (iii) Lethbridge?

6. What was the cost of (a) hand operated unit counting machines (b) light summer headware (c) footwear (d) shirts (e) blue jeans and trousers (f) camp stools (g) mobile homes and campers and parking facilities for same (h) stenographic equipment and staff, purchased and rented for use in (i) Thunder Bay (ii) Saskatoon (iii) Lethbridge?

7. What additional revenue, in total, was assessed Thomas Mighty Midway and Bernard Thomas and all of the midway unit owners and contracting unit managers, as a result of the close surveillance, beyond the total tax revenue declared by all of them in their 1976 income tax returns?

8. Who ordered the close surveillance operation and for what reason?

Mr. Yves Demers (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Revenue): 1. The Department of National Revenue, taxation, as part of its normal programs has conducted tax audits, not close surveillance operations, on carnival and midway operations in western Canada. To preserve the confidentiality of taxpayers' affairs, the names of individuals and corporations that are audited, the extent or cost of the audit and the additional taxes levied are not disclosed publicly.

Parts 2 to 8. See answer to part 1.

SECURITY—GENERAL WALTER DABROS

Question No. 1,485—**Mr. Oberle:**

Did the Canadian Armed Forces Intelligence and Security Branch and/or General Walter Dabros have a direct or indirect involvement in the 1970 Praxis break-in in Toronto and, if so, to what extent?

Hon. Barney Danson (Minister of National Defence): No.