

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, I do not think that is a valid point of order. When the government is ready to make a statement, it will make it.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order and to give notice respecting two questions I have asked of the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Sharp), during question periods in the past month to which I had expected to receive answers. One was with respect to the assistance to Mozambique enforcing sanctions against Rhodesia, and subsequent questions with respect to amendment of our constitution. In each case the President of the Privy Council undertook to make inquiries and to have an answer brought forward. I raise this point of order because I think it verges on a point of privilege. If the minister gives that kind of undertaking to a questioner, I think it is incumbent upon him to bring forward those answers in a reasonable period of time. I raise this point of order on the basis that if I do not receive an answer as promised by the minister, I shall raise a point of privilege with respect to the rights of individual members.

Mr. Jelinek: Mr. Speaker, on the same point of order I raised earlier, I understand that the Minister of Labour will not be in the House for the rest of this week. I also understand that he is prepared to answer this question, which deals with a very important matter, and I hope the Chair will—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have made the ruling that the question may have been previously answered. If upon review it is found that it has not, I will change my ruling, but I cannot control the attendance of the minister.

Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order because I have been promised and this House has been promised a report from the Minister of Transport (Mr. Marchand), dating back to March and April, on loss of life in the Pacific. Every time I rise in this House to ask for the report I am told that the minister will be having lunch tomorrow with someone, that he will go over the report and that I will receive it tomorrow. Today is yesterday's tomorrow. We do not have the report today, and I was given that promise yesterday.

Mr. Baldwin: With this government there is no tomorrow.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

LABOUR

1973 INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE—TABLING OF DOCUMENT ON CANADIAN POSITION

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, under Standing Order 41(2) I should like to table a document in English and in French outlining the Canadian position with respect to conventions and recommenda-

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tions adopted at the fifty-eighth session of the International Labour Conference in June of 1973.

An hon. Member: Of 1973?

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[Translation]

MISCELLANEOUS PRIVATE BILLS AND STANDING ORDERS

CONCURRENCE IN SECOND REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Gérard Loiselle (Saint-Henri) moved that the second report of the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills and Standing Orders, presented to the House on Tuesday, July 8, 1975, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

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: 2,228, 2,243, 2,265, 2,557, 2,638, 2,647, 2,649, 2,801 and 2,807.

Mr. Speaker, if starred questions No. 1,738, 1,739 and 1,808 could be made orders for return, these returns would be tabled immediately.

Mr. Speaker, would you be so kind as to call starred question No. 2,684?

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

[Text]

TELEVISION VIEWING TIME IN CANADA

Question No. 2,228—**Mr. Herbert:**

Of the total television viewing time of all persons in Canada, what percentage is estimated as watching (a) CBC television outlets or programmes originating with CBC (b) independent television outlets or programmes originating with these stations (c) foreign television transmissions?

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Minister of Communications): The Canadian Radio-Television Commission submits the following information: In an average week, viewing of television by Canadians can be broken down as follows:

	English per cent	French per cent	Total per cent
CBC owned and operated stations	12.3	7.4	19.7
Private stations affiliated with CBC	12.5	6.2	18.7 38.4
CTV stations	24.0	—	24.0
Independent stations	5.5	11.1	16.6 40.6