

ducting such a study, I will look forward very much to receiving the results.

Mr. Clark: If?

Mr. Blenkarn: Madam Speaker, my supplementary question is, of course, directed to the Minister of Finance. The "if" involved makes it interesting.

The Minister of Finance has said that he has a study on capital gains. Would he refer that study to the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs? Will he allow the President of the Treasury Board, who wrote a book on "Fiscalamity", the disaster of capital gains, how it was hurting business, causing inflation, and so on—

Some hon. Members: Question.

Mr. Blenkarn: —to appear before that committee?

Mr. Hees: With his book under his arm.

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance): Madam Speaker, I can remove the "if" from the hon. member's question and advise him that there is a study under way on the subject of capital gains. As I recollect, it was begun by my predecessor and was, therefore, well-launched. When it is completed, I will consider whether to send it to the committee. It sounds like a good idea.

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PUBLIC WORKS

COST OF RELOCATING DVA OFFICES IN CHARLOTTETOWN

Hon. Sinclair Stevens (York-Peel): Madam Speaker, I would address my question to the Minister of Public Works. In his reply to an earlier question, he indicated that the move in Charlottetown of the DVA proposed building from the waterfront to the downtown area would cost less money.

As that is contrary to information available to us, would the minister table in the House his figures to show why the move would save money? If he cannot do that, would he withdraw the statement and admit his error?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Paul J. Cosgrove (Minister of Public Works): Madam Speaker, as I indicated, the decision was made on advice received by officials of the Department of Public Works.

An hon. Member: Table it.

Mr. Cosgrove: Yes, I will table the information in order to make it available to the hon. member who asked the question, and to members of the House.

Privilege—Mr. Domm

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PARKS CANADA

DEFERRAL OF MOVE TO PETERBOROUGH

Hon. Sinclair Stevens (York-Peel): Madam Speaker, my supplementary question is directed to the President of the Treasury Board and it centres on similar questions to that member of the cabinet earlier in the question period.

In response to a question, the President of the Treasury Board indicated that it was the Clark government which had decided not to defer the move to Peterborough of the Parks Canada office. Would the President of the Treasury Board confirm if that is correct and, if so, would he explain why that is inconsistent with what the Minister of State for Science and Technology and Minister of the Environment said, that in effect it was our decision to defer the move? Who is correct?

Hon. John Roberts (Minister of State for Science and Technology and Minister of the Environment): Madam Speaker, I might refer the hon. member to *Hansard* of last night where he will see the answer to that question presented by the parliamentary secretary in response to a question on the "late show".

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PRIVILEGE

MR. DOMM—RELOCATION OF PARKS CANADA OFFICE— STATEMENT MADE BY PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY IN ADJOURNMENT DEBATE

Mr. Bill Domm (Peterborough): Madam Speaker, I wish to raise a question of privilege respecting statements made last night in the House by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of State for Science and Technology and Minister of the Environment (Mr. Simmons). The hon. member made a specific assertion about a statement I made on August 3, 1979, which is completely untrue in its description of that statement, and anyone in the House will verify that.

I should like to read the statement, and it was referred to just a moment ago by an hon. member on this side of the House. Last night in the House of Commons during the late show the parliamentary secretary to the minister stated:

—I am aware—

He was referring to myself.

Madam Speaker: Order, please. I think we will require a bit more silence in the House so we can hear what the hon. member has to say.

Mr. Domm: I can understand, Madam Speaker, why they prefer not to listen.

The parliamentary secretary to the minister stated:

—it was the administration of which he was a part—

He was referring to myself.

—which deferred the move for ten whole months—