Order Paper Questions

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

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: 782, 889, 1,288, 1,388, 1,341, 1,666, 1,667, 1,668, 1,682, 1,782, 1,801, 1,804, 1,830, 1,858, 1,874, 1,876, 1,879, 1,882, 2,017, 2,034, 2,052, 2,073, 2,077, 2,086, 2,155, 2,157 and 2,199.

Mr. Speaker, if question No. 564 could be made an order for return, this return would be tabled immediately.

Mr. Speaker, would you be so kind as to call starred questions No. 1,539 and 1,888?

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

[Text]

PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES

Question No. 782—Mr. Clark (Rocky Mountain):

1. Does the government know the names of individuals who worked in the Office of the Prime Minister, in the Privy Council Office or as a Research Assistant, Special Assistant, Executive Assistant, Secretary, Advisor, Consultant or in any other capacity in or for the office of any Minister or Minister of State from 1963 to the present?

2. What is the (a) name (b) position (c) job description of each of those individuals who are presently in the Public Service or employed by (i) Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (ii) the Bank of Canada (iii) the Canada Council (iv) the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (v) the Canadian Commercial Corporation (vi) the Canadian Dairy Commission (vii) the Canadian Film Development Corporation (viii) the Canadian International Development Agency (ix) the Canadian Radio-Television Commission (x) the Canadian Transport Commission (xi) the Canadian Wheat Board (xii) the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation (xiii) the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer (xiv) the Defence Research Board (xv) the Economic Council of Canada (xvi) Eldorado Nuclear Limited (xvii) the Federal Court of Canada (xviii) the Food Prices Review Board (xix) the Foreign Investment Review Agency (xx) the Fresh Water Fish Marketing Corporation (xxi) Information Canada (xxii) the National Capital Commission (xxiii) the National Energy Board (xxiv) the National Farm Products Marketing Council (xxv) the National Film Board (xxvi) the National Gallery of Canada (xxvii) the National Harbours Board (xxviii) the National Research Council of Canada (xxix) the Representation Commissioner (xxx) the Science Council of Canada?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council): The information requested is not readily available to provide an accurate answer to this question. The costs in manpower and time to undertake the very large amount of work which would be required to gather such detailed data as is obtainable for the period covered by the question, would be prohibitive.

DIRECTORSHIPS HELD BY CABINET MINISTERS

Question No. 889—Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):

1. Are any Ministers who are members of the present Cabinet directors of any companies or corporations and, if so, which Ministers, of what companies or corporations are they directors, and at what date

question I asked of the Minister of State for Urban Affairs. He was about to answer. In view of the many powers he possesses and since the NCC, CMHC and the government own the land in question, why cannot we move quickly with the project alluded to? I submit that the minister was prepared to answer, and I rise, on a question of privilege, to ask that he be allowed to do so.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I am sure the hon. member realizes that the Chair exercises discretion, both as to the context of questions, the length of preamble and the nature of the answer which may be anticipated. On occasion the Chair may have to rule quickly that a question ought not to be answered and ought not take up the time of the question period in that particular form. That is the discretion the Chair exercised at that particular time.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

WEEKLY STATEMENT

Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Speaker, may I ask the government House leader about the business for this week and next week? While he is answering, could he tell me, now that Bill C-32 has almost passed through parliament, if he intends to set aside six days for a budget debate in the month of May?

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, may I first deal with the immediate program which I suggest should come before the House. This afternoon we will continue the second reading debate on Bill C-41. That debate will continue tomorrow. If it is concluded either before or during tomorrow's session we will take Bill C-57. If we dispose of that bill, we will take Bill S-15 in the name of the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. As to the period beyond that, I should like to have consultations with the other House leaders to discuss the possibility of a budget debate and the claims this will make on our time, also the allotted supply days which have not yet been allocated but which we must allocate before the end of June.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I bring to Your Honour's attention the fact that while the House will be discussing Bill C-41 the Standing Committee on Agriculture will be meeting. This will prevent members involved in that committee participating in the debate in this House. I draw this to Your Honour's attention as it seems to be an infringement of the right of members to attend to the business of the House and participate in this debate on agriculture. I ask Your Honour to indicate that in future there is to be no interference with the rights of members to deal with the business before the House. I ask that the agriculture committee not meet at the same time as an agricultural bill is being debated in the House.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I do not think there is much point in allowing this point of order to go further. The fact is that the Chair does not exercise any authority whatsoever over the scheduling of standing committees.