

*Oral Questions*

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some Hon. Members:** No.

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**THE PRIME MINISTER**

**Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka):** Madam Speaker, today's press tells us that the Prime Minister, dissatisfied with the treatment that he has been receiving at the hands of the private sector network, CTV, has cancelled his annual one-hour interview, by Mr. Bruce Phillips, that has become a regular feature of Christmas seasonal television over the past 14 years. In an effort, presumably, to ensure a more favourable, even if less objective, reception, the Right Hon. Prime Minister has instead arranged for a half-hour session on the publicly-owned CBC network.

It has been a hard year for the Prime Minister and the Members of his Party. We here all understand that, and we have no desire to embarrass him unnecessarily in public. Therefore I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Prince Edward-Hastings (Mr. Ellis):

That in the event that the scheduled CBC interview does not work out to the Prime Minister's satisfaction, he should be encouraged to repeat the experiment, for a quarter-hour period, the interview being conducted by either Senator Davey or Mr. Jim Coutts.

**Mr. Whelan:** It sounds like you wrote that, Eric.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some Hon. Members:** No.

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[Translation]

**CORPORATE AFFAIRS****REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF BILL S-31**

**Mr. Cyril Keeper (Winnipeg-St. James):** Madam Speaker, whereas yesterday in its report, the Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs judged that Bill S-31 is unconstitutional because it gives the Federal Government powers it does not have, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Churchill (Mr. Murphy):

That the Government withdraw Bill S-31 which imposes unwarranted restrictions on the investment plans of provincial governments.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some Hon. Members:** No.

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[English]

**THE SENATE****PARTICIPATION IN STUDY OF REFORM**

**Mr. Bill Yurko (Edmonton East):** Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. I think that many of us who are concerned about Canadian federalism, and especially the role of the Senate in our political process, were genuinely pleased with the announcement yesterday that a motion will be introduced in the other place to establish a Special Joint Committee on Senate Reform. As many Hon. Members know, a motion calling for the establishment of such a Committee is already on our Order Paper and in fact was debated in this House on June 4 of this year. Therefore I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Mission-Port Moody (Mr. Rose):

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That this House endorse the Senate's initiative and express its intention to cooperate fully in any Committee set up to deal with this very important question of Senate reform.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some Hon. Members:** No.

**ORAL QUESTION PERIOD**

[English]

**Madam Speaker:** The Hon. Member for Saskatoon West.

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** Madam Speaker, my question had been intended for either the Minister of Justice, his Parliamentary Secretary or the Government House Leader. Since there does not appear to be any Minister of consequence across the way, I would like to reserve my right to await the arrival of one of these Ministers.

**Madam Speaker:** The Hon. Member could have done that simply by not rising.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!