

Order Paper Questions

Melville (Mr. Nystrom), Waterloo-Cambridge (Mr. Saltzman), Winnipeg North (Mr. Orlikow), Northwest Territories (Mr. Firth), Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands (Mr. Douglas), Cape Breton East Richmond (Mr. Hogan), Timiskaming (Mr. Peters), Regina-Lake Centre (Mr. Benjamin), and Oshawa-Whitby (Mr. Broadbent) has been filed with me, pursuant to section 20 of the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act, to the report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission for the province of Ontario.

In accordance with past practice of the House, is it agreed that these objections be printed as an appendix to today's *Votes and Proceedings*?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

CONCURRENCE IN SECOND REPORT OF SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE

Mr. Ralph Stewart (Cochrane) moved that the second report of the Special Joint Committee on the National Capital Region, presented to the House on Thursday, March 18, 1976, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

PRESENTATION OF PETITION TO INCREASE OLD AGE PENSION TO \$350 PER MONTH AND LOWER ELIGIBLE AGE TO SIXTY

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I desire to lay on the table of the House a petition signed by 4,860 senior citizens from 58 different points in Saskatchewan. The petition contains nine points. I shall not ask the leave of the House to read them all—I might have trouble getting leave to do so—but may I say that among other requests the petition asks that the basic pension be raised to \$350 a month, that the pensionable age be lowered to age 60, and that there be a special department to deal with senior citizens. I present this petition, Mr. Speaker, on behalf of those who have signed it, their representatives being with us today, and I commend its proposals to the consideration of the government.

			1971/72	1972/73	1973/74	1974/75	1975/76
Multilingual Project					(started October 1/73)		Estimate and Expend.
Multilingual Bibloservice	Purchase of Books	No expenditure		35,736.00	18,729.00	63,431.00	90,000.00 (74,124 to date)
	Other operating expenses and salaries	"			33,932.00	171,536.00	202,000.00
Ethnic Newspaper Project	Purchase of newspapers and films	"		25,638.57	29,928.61	7,252.05	8,000.00
	Other operating expenses and salaries	"		2,014.68	9,762.87	10,752.44	13,650.00
Total Expenditure				63,389.25	92,352.48	252,971.49	314,650.00

[Mr. Speaker.]

[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. J.-J. Blais (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 3,512, 4,038, 4,054, 4,062, 4,087, 4,097, 4,122, 4,130, 4,132, 4,138 and 4,581.

[Text]

FUNDING OF MULTICULTURAL PROGRAMMES

Question No. 3,512—Mr. Forrestall:

By department and agency, what has been the funding provided for multicultural programmes and activities in each year since 1971?

Miss Coline Campbell (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State):

Secretary of State Department		National Film Board	
Fiscal year		Fiscal year	
1971-72	\$ 617,000	1971-72	\$129,000
1972-73	1,465,000	1972-73	315,000
1973-74	5,376,000	1973-74	390,000
1974-75	5,307,000	1974-75	390,000
1975-76	5,260,000	1975-76	300,000

National Museums of Canada		Public Archives	
Fiscal year		Fiscal year	
1971-72	\$ 91,000	1971-72	\$ NIL
1972-73	525,000	1972-73	NIL
1973-74	1,450,000	1973-74	215,700
1974-75	1,450,000	1974-75	327,300
1975-76	1,450,000	1975-76	340,000

In addition to its general services, which are available to all Canadian libraries, the National Library of Canada provides funds for two multicultural projects. These are its programme to purchase and microfilm Canadian ethnic newspapers, and the Multilingual Bibloservice, which acquires and makes available on a long term loan basis books in non-official languages to the provincial library systems. They in turn distribute these to the public libraries which service ethnic communities. The funds spent for these projects since 1971 are as follows: