

Order Paper Questions

Mr. Deputy Speaker: At this point the Chair would appeal to Hon. Members to think twice before extending the discussion.

Does the Hon. Member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath) want to be recognized on this point?

Mr. McGrath: No, a new point.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I recognize the Hon. Member for St. John's East on another point.

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POINT OF ORDER

MR. McGRATH—USE OF S.O. 21 STATEMENT

Hon. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, this has nothing to do with the substance of what the Hon. Member has said. It has to do with what I consider to be an improper use of Standing Order 21. I raised this matter yesterday, Mr. Speaker, as a point of order, and Madam Speaker indicated that she would examine what was said and rule on it. She gave me an indication she would rule today. I merely want to ask the Chair if the Chair is now ready to rule on that point of order. If not, I do not want this to stand as a precedent because otherwise this kind of clear abuse will destroy the intent of Standing Order 21.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: At this point the Chair is taking the whole matter under advisement, especially the matter relating to *Hansard*. As far as the ruling with regard to Standing Order 21 is concerned, the Chair is not prepared at this point to make further comment.

Mr. McGrath: May I ask, Mr. Speaker, if the Chair has any comment?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Chair is not in a position to make further comments in regard to the matter raised by the Hon. Member.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. John Evans (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 4,661, 4,818, 4,946 and 4,993.

[Text]

TRAINING OF RCMP PERSONNEL IN CHILE

Question No. 4,661—**Mr. Stewart:**

At any time since 1967, did the RCMP send any personnel to Chile for training of any nature and, if so (a) what were the dates and what was the number of personnel involved (b) what type of training was involved?

Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General of Canada): Insofar as the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are concerned: No. RCMP personnel did, however, visit Chile in 1975 and 1982 as participants in the annual end of year trip taken by all members of the Senior Management Course from the National Defence College, Kingston.

INVOCATION OF DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY

Question No. 4,818—**Mr. Beatty:**

1. Was diplomatic immunity invoked by countries to avoid prosecution for alleged violations of Canadian law, including traffic violations, in (a) 1981 (b) 1982 and, if so, on how many occasions for each country?

2. What was the nature of each offence and in which municipality did the alleged infraction occur?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs): 1. (a) In 1981, 38 Diplomatic Missions requested the cancellation of 169 traffic violations and five Missions invoked diplomatic immunity for five other offences.

(b) In 1982, 39 Diplomatic Missions requested the cancellation of 240 traffic violations and six Missions invoked diplomatic immunity on six occasions for other offences.

2. The 169 traffic violations cancelled in 1981 included parking violations (132), speeding (28) suspension of a driver's licence (4), impaired driving (3) and failure to wear a seat belt (2). The other offences of 1981 consisted in shop-lifting (3), fraudulent use of a cheque (1) and illegal use of the mail (1). The traffic violations occurred in the Ottawa/Hull area (146), in the Montreal area (15), in other parts of Ontario (7) and Alberta (1). The five other offences took place in the Ottawa/Hull area.

The 240 traffic violations cancelled in 1982 consisted of parking infractions (220), speeding (14), failure to wear a seat belt (4), impaired driving (1) and the use of studded tires (1). They occurred in the Ottawa/Hull area (217), in the Montreal area (15), in the Toronto area (5), and in Vancouver (3). The other offences consisted in shop-lifting (4), fraudulent use of a cheque (1) and possession of a small quantity of marijuana (1). Five of the latter offences took place in the Ottawa/Hull area and one in Montreal.

The Department considers that disclosure of the names of the Missions concerned would not be in keeping with Canada's obligation under Article 22 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations requesting the host country to take all appropriate steps to protect Missions from disturbance of their peace or impairment of their rights.