

Order Paper Questions

here to vote shortly after five o'clock and that he obviously could have been available to introduce his Bill at that time.

Mr. Speaker: The Chair has heard the interventions of the Hon. Member for Kamloops—Shuswap and other Hon. Members. The Chair takes note of the strong recommendation put forward by the Hon. Member for Ottawa—Vanier (Mr. Gauthier) concerning the question of the loss of Private Members' Hour. I am not entirely sure that the Chair can assist Hon. Members in any ruling, but I will give the matter some consideration. I am, of course, as I think any Speaker would be, extremely concerned about consideration that Hon. Members must give to the rules and to the fact that some of them are provisional. I think it would be advisable if all Hon. Members took careful note of what the Hon. Member for Ottawa—Vanier has said.

With respect to the specific complaint of the Hon. Member for Kamloops—Shuswap, the Chair will consider his comments and return to the Chamber in due course. As I have said, I am not sure there is very much that the Speaker can do about the situation.

Mr. Lewis: Mr. Speaker, may I add one item to that?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I will hear the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary because the Chair is basically benevolent. I would not want to leave this as a precedent for inviting Members to reargue a case. As I understand it, the Hon. Member has an additional point.

Mr. Lewis: Yes, Mr. Speaker, that is correct. I only bring it up in the interests of being helpful. It seems to me that when we discuss a matter such as this the question of dropping a particular person's motion is one thing, but how to substitute another person's motion is something else. If Your Honour looks at the *Projected Order of Business* for today it is noted that on Thursday the Hon. Member for Kamloops—Shuswap has a motion or a Bill. The thinking at the time was that we could not move Thursday's matter forward to Monday because there might be Hon. Members who would want to speak to that matter on Thursday who would have scheduled their time accordingly. Similarly, Friday's motion has the same consideration. We did not want to bring it forward because it would disrupt the way in which people might be organizing their time to make comments on a motion. That is the reason we did not have a solution. I suggest it is something we will want to look at.

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Mr. Speaker: I thank the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary for the additional information. I will consider the matter.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 5 and 7.

[Text]

PRESENTATION OF GALA EVENING IN HONOUR OF PRESIDENT
OF U.S.

Question No. 5—Mr. Malépart:

1. What was the total cost to the Government of the March 17-18, 1985, visit of the President of the United States to Quebec City?

2. Did the Government sponsor on March 17, 1985, a gala evening at the *Grand Théâtre de Québec* in honour of the President of the United States and, if so, what was the (a) total cost (b) amount paid to all performers who took part in the event?

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): 1. Approximately \$2.6 million. 2. See reply to question No. 7 answered this day.

VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Question No. 7—Mr. Boudria:

1. Was there a gala performance held in Quebec City on March 17, 1985, in honour of the visit to Canada of the President of the United States and, if so, who was responsible for approving the gala and how many persons attended?

2. Was the protocol office of the Department of External Affairs consulted as to which Canadian dignitaries and officials of Canada should be invited to attend and, if not, for what reason?

3. Were any Canadian dignitaries and officials of Canada that protocol required should be invited to attend such events, ignored and, if so, what were their name and titles?

4. Were there any Members of Parliament or Senators invited to attend the performance and, if so, what were their names and party affiliations?

5. What was the total cost of the performance?

6. (a) What were the costs involved for the hiring of the performers (b) were accommodations, meals and travelling expenses part of their contracts and, if so, what was the cost for their accommodations, meals and travelling expenses?

7. What were the rental costs for the *Grand Théâtre de Québec* and associated services and which department absorbed the costs?

8. What amount did CBC charge for the production and the televising of the event?

9. Were any groups of Canadians represented at the event and, if so (a) what were the names of the organizations and their representatives (b) were there any Government costs involved and, if so, what were they (c) what criteria were used to define which organizations should be invited?

10. Were there any official arrival ceremonies held in Quebec City and was the RCMP involved and, if so (a) how many officers in ceremonial dress were involved and how many were women (b) were all of the officers from Quebec City and, if not, what mode of transportation was used to bring them to Quebec City (c) what was the cost to the taxpayer for the officers in salaries, meals, accommodations and transportation?

11. (a) What was the cost to the taxpayer for the security involved in the visit (b) were all such costs absorbed by the Solicitor General's Department and, if not, for what reason (c) did the costs also include security provided by provincial, municipal or private organization officers?

12. Were any limousines leased or rented for the visit and, if so (a) how many (b) what was the cost for each and what was the name and address of the supplier?

13. What was the cost for food for each luncheon held during the two day visit?