

Oral Questions

company, in the circumstances referred to. Certainly, if that were the case we should be obliged to repeat our long standing opposition to any such movement.

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INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BANK**REDUCTION OF FUNDS AVAILABLE TO BANK—POSSIBILITY OF REDUCTION IN LOANS TO SMALL BUSINESSES**

Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Finance? In view of the minister's budgetary statement that there is to be a reduction of \$135 million in funds available to reconstitute the Industrial Development Bank, and as IDB small business loans were reported to be down some 27 per cent in the six months ending in March, this year, will the minister indicate if his budgetary statement reflects a further cutback in IDB loans to small businesses, or was he just reflecting the reality, namely, that IDB assistance to small business has already fallen dramatically?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I will have a difficult time answering the hon. member's question in the brief time available. Briefly, the cutback reflects some restriction on expansion of the activities of that institution over the next fiscal year.

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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION**AVAILABILITY OF CORPORATION'S EDUCATIONAL FILMS TO SCHOOLS—GOVERNMENT ACTION**

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State. As during the past four years school boards, school trustee associations, school teacher organizations and universities all across Canada have been asking the CBC for educational films which can be shown in Canadian schools, and as all these organizations have received from the minister and the CBC is the biggest runaround I have witnessed in my life, will the minister organize an immediate meeting with these groups and work out a plan, so that our Canadian schools and universities can obtain CBC educational films on a loan basis?

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member knows, this is a matter for the corporation. Despite his rather intemperate premise, I want to be as helpful as possible. I believe that a decision in principle has already been taken and that the next stage is to work out a distribution system. The whole thing ought to be in place by the fall.

Mr. McKenzie: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I have submitted Bill C-291, which is on the order paper. It is intended to amend the Broadcasting Act and would permit CBC educational films to be used in Canadian schools. Will the minister use his influence and have this bill referred to the Standing Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts so that legal and technical problems may be dealt with?

[Mr. MacEachen.]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Presenting reports from standing or special committees.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS*[English]*

Mr. Jelinek: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Last Wednesday, July 9, I directed a question to the Minister of Labour. The Chair did not allow the minister to reply, but Your Honour said you would look into the matter and rule on it. I wonder if a ruling has been prepared. Also, I directed a simple question today to the Minister of Transport in which I asked him to explain a broad statement he made last Friday, and again the Chair would not allow the minister to answer. I am wondering what the ruling of the Chair is to be, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: With respect to the former matter, I shall be able to refer to it more specifically tomorrow. The question the hon. member attempted to put today asked the minister if he would define what was meant by a majority opinion and when that would be ready. Surely that question must be recognized as being hypothetical in the extreme.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**TABLING OF EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND GOVERNMENT OF REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA ON NUCLEAR CO-OPERATION**

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I would like to table, in both official languages, the exchange of notes between the Government of Canada and the government of the Republic of Argentina constituting an agreement concerning nuclear co-operation, September 10 and 12, 1974.

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PUBLIC SERVICE STAFF RELATIONS ACT**PROVISION FOR APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIRMEN AND FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME MEMBERS OF BOARD**

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-70, to amend the Public Service Staff Relations Act.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.