

Order Paper Questions

WAITING PERIOD FOR PENSION REVIEW

Question No. 616—**Mr. Towers:**

To the knowledge of the Government during what average period is a veteran required to wait after having made an application for a hearing to the (a) Pension Review Board (b) Pension Commission (c) War Veterans Allowance Board (d) Bureau of Pensions Advocates?

Hon. W. Bennett Campbell (Minister of Veterans Affairs): (a) Pension Review Board: nine months, (b) Canadian Pension Commission: 10 months, (c) War Veterans Allowance Board: appeal cases, two months and five days, review of cases, one month and 24 days. (d) Bureau of Pensions Advocates: five and a half months.

CANADAIR CL-215 AIRCRAFT

Question No. 684—**Mr. Clark (Yellowhead):**

Is the Government considering the establishment of a Crown agency, or other Crown emanation, to operate Canadair CL-215 aircraft in the Northwest Territories or other locations and, if so, for what reason?

Mr. John Evans (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): No consideration is being given at present.

[*English*]

Mr. Cook: Mr. Speaker, I wish to bring to the attention of the House, and particularly the Parliamentary Secretary, Question No. 717 which stands on the Order Paper and was placed on the Order Paper covering the period of February 26 to March 3. I would not wish to impugn the reputation of any Cabinet Minister of the Government. However, they are involved in a leadership campaign. There have already been allegations made as to the misuse of government aircraft, so I would mention to the Parliamentary Secretary that although I do not expect the question to be answered today, I expect it to be answered next week. Each and every week between now and the leadership convention the same question will be placed on the Order Paper. If the Parliamentary Secretary cannot find it in his heart to answer those questions week by week, then the Canadian public can make a judgement as to the illegal, improper and expensive use of taxpayers' money in a narrowly political campaign. I give the Parliamentary Secretary fair warning. Please have my question answered week by week so that the Canadian public will know what is going on.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Evans: Mr. Speaker, we certainly want to answer the Hon. Member's question, but I think he said that the question was put on the Order Paper during the week when the House was not sitting. This week is the first week we are back from our winter break, and that means that we have had notice of this question for only three days. We will do our best to answer that question and subsequent questions that Hon. Members in the Opposition put before us, but I think it is only reasonable to expect that a little bit of time should be given in order to answer questions that are put on the Order Paper. Three days are certainly not adequate.

Mr. Cook: Mr. Speaker, the Parliamentary Secretary overlooked the entire nature of my remarks. I was putting him on notice that I wanted the question answered. It actually appeared on the Notice Paper yesterday. I did not expect an answer today, but I wanted him to know that I will be rising to my feet after a length of time has gone by without an answer to that question.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member has made his point.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Evans: I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: The questions enumerated by the Parliamentary Secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

Mr. John Evans (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I ask that all notices of motions for the production of papers be allowed to stand.

[*English*]

Mr. Speaker: Shall all notices of motions for the production of papers stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[*English*]

BORROWING AUTHORITY ACT, 1984-85

MEASURE TO ESTABLISH

Hon. Roy MacLaren (Minister of State (Finance)) moved that Bill C-21, an Act to provide borrowing authority, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs.

He said: Mr. Speaker, in introducing Bill C-21, an Act to provide borrowing authority for the fiscal year 1984-85, I wish to place the terms of the Bill within the context of the two most recent Budgets, the April 1983 Budget and the Budget of last month. The Budget of last month does not represent any departure from the fiscal policy developed in last April's Budget. In fact, it represents a confirmation and continuation of that fiscal policy.

The objective of both Budgets has been to encourage an investment-led expansion of economic activity that will create