

*Order Paper Questions*

**Hon. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa):** Madam Speaker, I would like to begin by saying that we in the New Democratic Party have respected the Member for Lincoln (Mr. Mackasey) in terms of his service in this House over the years. We have differed seriously from time to time but there has never been on our part any questioning of his integrity or of his practice being anything but in complete accordance with the rules of this House.

Therefore, we were very pleased indeed to hear what the Member had to say, to hear his proposal that he rejects categorically the allegations, which are serious and which, as he points out, reflect on all Members of the House, and that they are not only misleading but totally false, in the Hon. Member's words.

On the surface, we like his proposal that the matter be referred, and having noted what the Leader of the Official Opposition has said and that the Hon. Member for Lincoln himself agrees that we should let this motion stand until tomorrow, I would like to support that proposal so that more informal discussions can take place. This would mean that the intent of what the Hon. Member for Lincoln obviously wants is observed, namely, that there should be a complete airing of this matter, which is serious, here in the one body of this country of ours where this matter should be aired, in the House of Commons.

I want to conclude by saying once again for my colleagues that not only did we listen with care to what the Hon. Member had to say, but we deeply and genuinely believe that everything he has had to say will turn out to be completely true.

**Madam Speaker:** I suppose it is clear to the House that the Hon. Member for Lincoln has simply advised of his intention to move the motion. Technically speaking, there is not before the House a motion to refer this matter to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections. There would only be a possibility of moving that motion if the Chair finds a prima facie case of privilege which, upon the advice of all those who have intervened, and indeed because the Chair does need some time to consider this matter, I will take under advisement. I am not promising that by tomorrow I will be in a position to rule on it, but I will certainly do it as expeditiously as possible.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

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## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*English*]

### QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

**Mr. Jim Peterson (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State for Economic Development and Minister of State for Science and Technology):** Madam Speaker, if question No. 4,430 could be made order for return, this return would be tabled immediately.

[*Translation*]

**Madam Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the House that question No. 4,430 be deemed to have been made an order for return?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

[*Text*]

### SPIN-OFFS FROM AID TO COUNTRIES FOR OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION

Question No. 4,430—**Mr. Mazankowski:**

For each oil and gas exploration and development foreign aid program financed by Petro-Canada International or CIDA (a) what Canadian goods and services have been purchased by the foreign country and at what cost (b) how many Canadians were hired to assist in the projects (c) what was the total number of person-years of employment to Canadians (d) what was the occupational distribution of the Canadians employed?

Return tabled.

[*English*]

**Mr. McKinnon:** Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I would like to ask the Parliamentary Secretary if he is able to enlighten me as to when I might expect an answer to starred question No. 4,336 which I put on the Order Paper on May 19. It concerns a case of what appears to be discrimination against a former Lieutenant, Geoffrey Wright, who was in the regular army and has been released and denied admission to the Reserve.

**Mr. Peterson:** Madam Speaker, quite frankly I have absolutely no idea where that question and response thereto stand, but I shall certainly endeavour to find out for the Hon. Member and get back to him as quickly as possible.

**Mr. Stevens:** Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order. As we have a new Acting Parliamentary Secretary I was wondering if I could direct his attention to the fact that question No. 2,042 of January 29, 1981—that is over two years ago—asking the simple question what was the total cost of the Prime Minister's world tour of late 1980-1981, has not been answered. As the Acting Parliamentary Secretary knows, only last evening the Minister of Finance at a committee which he chaired assured us that if we put a question on the Order Paper we would get an answer promptly. I know the Government must be very anxious to answer these questions. Why has this one not been answered?

**Mr. Peterson:** Madam Speaker, I regret very much that we are not 100 per cent perfect in answering every question that has been put to us by all Hon. Members opposite. I guess we have to ask ourselves, can we be expected in all circumstances to respond with alacrity, speed and truth to all questions that are posed to us.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Peterson:** I would like to come back to the fact that to date we have responded to 3,974 questions. This is 83.9 per cent of all questions that have been asked of this Government