

Mr. F. Oberle (Prince George-Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I am glad to be able to contribute to this suggestion. The point of privilege certainly must be that the minister misled the House today.

An hon. Member: Right.

Mr. Oberle: He said that he has evidence with regard to the private sector and the province of British Columbia. Let us not belittle this question; it is a crucial question because 60 per cent of the economy of British Columbia depends on the forest industry. The minister said he has evidence that the private sector is prepared to assume the responsibility and the financing of the B.C. forest products lab. I suggest, Mr. Speaker, that the minister has evidence that the private sector is not prepared to assume responsibility. I have the evidence.

Mr. Fraser: So do I.

Mr. Oberle: And so does the minister. He has clear evidence, in writing, that the private sector is not prepared, for obvious reasons, to assume this responsibility. I say the minister has misled the House by implying that he has—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I think we can see the difficulty that we get into when we embark on procedural grounds that are not well founded. As we enter into these discussions, the more permissive the Chair becomes in allowing discussion of points that are not well founded in procedure, the more likely we are to get into further and new questions of procedure. We are certainly very close to raising new questions when these kinds of accusations are made.

Essentially, the minister has stated his position. Members on the opposition side have stated that they disagree with the interpretation given by the minister today. That remains a disagreement and there is not, procedurally, either a point of order or a question of privilege.

Mr. Fraser: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

CANADA NON-PROFIT CORPORATIONS ACT

MEASURE RESPECTING CHARITABLE CORPORATIONS

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs) moved that Bill S-4 (from the Senate), an act respecting Canada non-profit organizations, be read the first time.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

Canada Non-Profit Corporations Act

Mr. Speaker: When shall the bill be read the second time? Next sitting of the House?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 261, 295 and 289.

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

[Text]

NATIONAL REVENUE—LAWYERS IN PROVENCHER

Question No. 261—**Mr. Epp:**

From June 1, 1974 to date, what lawyers in the Constituency of Provencher were given work by the Department of National Revenue and what amount was each paid per year?

Mr. Claude-André Lachance (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Justice): In so far as the legal agents of the Minister of Justice are concerned: None.

ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Question No. 295—**Mr. Caouette (Villeneuve):**

1. On what date was the Enterprise Development Commission of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce created and who are its members?

2. Between April 1, 1977 and April 1, 1978, did any enterprises facing problems in Canada receive grants from the Commission and, if so (a) how many (b) which ones (c) what was the amount of such grants?

3. Did the Commission guarantee any loans to companies and, if so (a) in what amount (b) which companies were involved?

Mr. Bernard Loiselle (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): In so far as the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce is concerned: The Enterprise Development Board was created April 1, 1977.

1. Following is a list of the members of the Enterprise Development Board along with the date of their appointment: Chairman—Mr. D. N. Kendall—appointed May 11, 1977; Vice Chairman—Mr. André Charron—appointed May 11, 1977; Members: Mr. Michael M. Koerner—appointed May 11, 1977; Mr. W. M. Murray Auld—May 11, 1977; Mr. Pierre Demers—May 11, 1977; Mr. Francis Murphy—July 28, 1977; Mr. John G. McD. Brown—December 6, 1977 and Mrs. Esther S. Ondrack—April 21, 1978. The central board members are joined by an equal number of individuals from senior levels of the public service.

2. Between April 1, 1977 and March 31, 1978 the Enterprise Development Board approved 195 contributions totalling \$19,036,098. The majority of these contributions were for