

Order Paper Questions

Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Secretary of State for External Affairs): The Department of External Affairs has not undertaken any construction during the last three fiscal years at the Canadian embassy in Tokyo.

QUEBEC IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS

Question No. 911—**Mr. Herbert:**

1. Is it necessary to have federal and provincial approval to admit to Canada, as an immigrant, the spouse of a Quebec resident?

2. In each of the past three years, how many such sponsorship undertakings has the Department of Employment and Immigration been unable to process because of a failure to obtain approval from the Government of Quebec?

Mr. Dennis Dawson (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Employment and Immigration): 1. No. While the admission of an independent immigrant to Quebec requires approval from that province, the admission of a spouse, i.e. member of the family class, does not. This approach is consistent with the federal government's commitment to family reunification which is one of the objectives of the Immigration Act.

2. N/A.

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[Translation]

QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

Mr. D. M. Collenette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, if question No. 148 could be made an order for return, the return would be tabled immediately.

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

Madam Speaker: The questions enumerated by the hon. parliamentary secretary have been answered. Is it the pleasure of the House that question No. 148 be deemed to have been made an order for return?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Text]

LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM

Question No. 148—**Mr. Cossitt:**

What is a list of all grants made under the Local Initiatives program since October 31, 1972, up to the time that it was phased out, for the former constituency of Leeds and the present constituency of Leeds-Grenville and what was the total amount granted under the program?

Return tabled.

● (1220)

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[Translation]

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. Francis Fox (for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion) moved that Bill C-35, to amend the Regional Development Incentives Act, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Regional Development, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

Hon. Francis Fox (for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion) moved that the bill be read the third time and do pass.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

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NATIONAL ANTHEM ACT

DESIGNATION OF WORDS AND MUSIC OF "O CANADA"

On the order:

Second reading and reference to the Standing Committee on Communications and Culture of Bill C-26, an act respecting the national anthem of Canada—the Secretary of State.

Mr. Pinard: Madam Speaker, in accordance with the order of the House, the motion previously passed will have to be amended so that the bill can be referred to Committee of the Whole.

Hon. Francis Fox (Secretary of State and Minister of Communications) moved that Bill C-36, respecting the national anthem of Canada, be read the second time and referred to Committee of the Whole.

He said: Madam Speaker, it is a real honour for me today in this House to propose the second reading of the bill respecting the national anthem of Canada. I acknowledge that it is only through the unanimous consent of all parties that it is possible for us to proceed today to the consideration and, I hope, passage of the bill.

Madam Speaker, "O Canada" is considered by all Canadians as the national anthem of their country but it has never been proclaimed as such by Parliament. I therefore ask the House today to catch up with history and to grant legal status to a heartfelt tradition.

Before outlining the circumstances surrounding the writing of this anthem, I would like to go further back in history, to the origins of the word "Canada". Among the possible explanations of this name, one is that in the sixteenth century, the