

Order Paper Questions

that this is a matter of the hon. member not being satisfied with an answer he has received from a minister and that a question of privilege does not, therefore, arise.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES**APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER REPORTS OF COMMISSIONER****On the Order: Government Notices of Motions:**

That a Special Joint Committee of the Senate and of the House of Commons be appointed to consider the report of the Commissioner of Official Languages, 1978, tabled Tuesday, February 20, 1979 (Sessional Paper No. 304-1/301) and the report of the Commissioner of Official Languages, 1979, tabled Tuesday, April 22, 1980 (Sessional Paper No. 321-1/301);

That nine members of the House of Commons, to be designated at a later date, be members on the part of this House on the Special Joint Committee;

That the committee have power to appoint from among its members such subcommittees as may be deemed advisable and necessary and to delegate to such subcommittees all or any of its powers except the power to report directly to the House;

That the committee have power to sit during sittings and adjournments of the House of Commons;

That the committee have power to report from time to time, to send for persons, papers and records, and to examine witnesses and to print such papers and evidence from day to day as may be ordered by the committee;

That the committee be empowered to retain professional, clerical and stenographic help as may be required;

That a quorum of the committee be four members, whenever a vote, resolution or other decision is taken, so long as both Houses are represented and that the joint chairmen be authorized to hold meetings, to receive evidence and authorize the printing thereof, when three members are present so long as both Houses are represented; and

That a message be sent to the Senate requesting that that House do unite with this House for the above purpose, and to select, if the Senate deems it to be advisable, . . . members to act on the proposed Special Joint Committee.

Madam Speaker: Pursuant to Standing Order 21(2), this notice of motion is transferred to and ordered for consideration under government orders later this day or at the next sitting of the House.

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[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. D. M. Collenette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 45, 176, 256, 326, 374, 376, 624, 709 and 711.

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

[Text]

LOANS TO CUBA**Question No. 45—Mr. Cossitt:**

In the past six years, did the government loan funds to Cuba and, if so (a) what was the total amount (b) how many loans were involved (c) what was the interest charged in each case (d) were interest payments received on time and, if not, did the government take any action (e) what amount of the principal of any loan was repaid?

Hon. Pierre Bussières (Minister of State (Finance)): In the past six years, both the Export Development Corporation (EDC) and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) have made loans to Cuba.

Cuba has signed eight loans with EDC for a total of Canadian \$69.3 million. The interest rate varies on each loan but in all cases meets or exceeds EDC's minimum lending rate at the time of signing. All interest has been received on time and a total of Canadian \$14.867 million had been repaid by December 31, 1979.

Cuba has also received one aid loan from CIDA. This loan was for \$10 million with terms of 3 per cent interest, seven years grace, and 30 years maturity. All interest payments have not been received on time and Cuba is currently two semi-annual payments in arrears. Cuba has indicated that these payments will be made shortly. No principal is yet due on this CIDA loan.

NATIONAL MUSEUMS CORPORATION—FUNDS FOR CONSERVATION OF COLLECTIONS**Question No. 176—Mr. Friesen:**

1. What percentage of funds expended by each branch of the National Museums Corporation goes toward the conservation of their collections?

2. Does the National Museums Corporation have plans to acquire vehicles and drivers to move items to and from various localities to the Canadian Conservation Institute in Ottawa for restoration and, if so (a) how many (b) are suitable vehicles available or do they have to be custom made (c) what is the estimated cost of each vehicle (d) are they available in Canada (e) how soon does the Corporation expect to have the vehicles "on the road"?

3. (a) What is the estimated number of trips budgeted for in the first year of operation by region (b) what is the estimated cost of the average trip to and from each region (c) how much of the transport costs will be passed on to the museum/gallery requesting the service?

4. (a) What is the cost of (i) a museum-mobile unit (ii) an average display in such a unit (b) what were the operating expenses for the year 1977?

Mr. Peter Stollery (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State and Minister of Communications):

	Percentage
1. National Gallery	5.3 per cent
National Museum of Man	3 per cent
National Museum of Natural Sciences	2 per cent
National Museum of Science and Technology	9.5 per cent
2. No. The National Museums of Canada operates a fleet of vehicles to transport exhibitions across the country. It is proposed that artifacts accepted for treatment at Canadian Conservation Institute headquarters be trans-	