

Minister explain whether the Government is living up to the law when the Minister of Labour says he will not do so?

Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, this particular issue has never come to me before. I am sure the Minister of Labour is complying fully with the law in every way the law requires. I would say he is one of the best Ministers of Labour, certainly since 1979 when we had the present Lieutenant Governor of Ontario as the Minister of Labour—

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Crosbie: The Minister is an outstanding Minister of Labour and complies with the law in every respect. If he doesn't, I will certainly see that he does.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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CHALLENGE '86

EXPENDITURES IN WINNIPEG NORTH CENTRE

Mr. Cyril Keeper (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Employment. Is she aware of what is going on with regard to spending under Challenge '86? In Winnipeg North Centre I have information that indicates the Government is spending one half of the amount of money this year, namely, \$600,000, as compared to last year when the Government spent \$1.2 million. Is the Minister aware of that and, if she is, how can she be satisfied with such a dismal performance?

• (1200)

Hon. Flora MacDonald (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I am indeed aware of what is going on with Challenge '86 and the results which are pouring in from across the country. As I mentioned the other day, some 58,000 applications have resulted from the Challenge '86 program. That means that, in addition to the money allocated to it by the federal Government, there is now an indication that the private sector would be willing to contribute an extra \$150 million if all of those projects are approved. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, the program is working well in Manitoba as well as elsewhere in the country.

Mr. Keeper: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member for Papineau.

Introduction of Bills

TERRORISM

REPORTED PRESENCE OF TERRORISTS IN CANADA

Hon. André Ouellet (Papineau): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Deputy Prime Minister and is with regard to the alarming revelation that 14 international terrorists from the Baader Meinhof gang are apparently hiding in Canada. What is the Government doing with regard to these terrorists? Is the Government not ready to apprehend them and bring them to justice, or to kick them out of Canada?

Mr. Crosbie: They're hiding in your caucus.

Mr. Boudria: Erik would know about that.

Hon. Erik Nielsen (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defence): In the first place, Mr. Speaker, the reports to which the hon. gentleman refers have yet to be confirmed. In the second place, this would be the last place that I think he would want that sort of matter to be discussed.

Mr. Ouellet: What are you doing?

Mr. Keeper: I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, sit down!

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

PETITIONS

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Pursuant to Standing Order 106(8), Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to table in both official languages the Government's response to the nine following petitions: Nos. 331-400 to 331-406 inclusive, and 331-411 to 331-416.

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[English]

SUPREME COURT ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister of Justice) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-105, An Act to amend the Supreme Court Act and to amend various other acts in consequence thereof.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that the Hon. Minister shall have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.