

*Oral Questions*

will not in any way change their future employment opportunities? At the same time, will he assure the House that this practice will cease?

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Lalonde:** Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member is aware, any contribution exceeding \$100 made to a political party is public, recorded and available to all citizens, the hon. member included. He will be able to see who contributed and what happens or does not happen to contributors. As far as I am concerned, any Canadian is free to contribute to the Liberal party, and I invite people to do so.

[*English*]

**Mr. Jelinek:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order, and Your Honour may even rule that it is a question of privilege because of the fact that every time I have raised an Olympics question the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs (Mr. Ouellet) and other ministers have implied, with racial overtones, that I am against the Olympics. I cannot accept an accusation of that kind on the part of the government.

I should like to make my position very clear, as I always do when I speak on this subject: It is not that I am anti-Olympics, or against the fact that the Olympics are to be held in Montreal, but I am anti-fraud and I am against the manner in which the government has allowed the financing of the Olympic Games to be dealt with. I simply asked the minister whether he would apply the provisions of the Combines Investigation Act. I see the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Lalonde) is laughing. I would remind him that the Olympics are going to cost Montreal \$1 billion. I simply asked him whether he would apply the law, the Combines Investigation Act, Section 36 having to do with misleading advertising, which is applicable to the Olympics silver coins issue since nine out of ten of the coin dealers across Canada say that the coins will not increase in value by three, four, eight or nine times as the advertising suggests, particularly on television.

I hope the minister will either assure us that he intends to apply the law, the Combines Investigation Act, Section 36, or not and continue to deal fraudulently with respect to the financing of the Olympics Games through these coins.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member has raised, by way of a point of order, what is primarily a complaint about the answer he received from a minister today. As such, it cannot be regarded as a valid point of order. There was, however, another aspect of his complaint, one which is more serious. As I understood it, the hon. member did say something about a racial overtone in the answers he had been given. If such has been the case during the question period while I have been in the chair, I certainly was not aware of it.

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

**Mr. Speaker:** If there is any evidence that the hon. member might wish to put forward in this respect, perhaps he would bring it to my attention. His remarks on introducing the point of order prompted the reflection that the Chair might have allowed, perhaps unwittingly, some

[*Mr. Bawden.*]

suggestion of a racial overtone to pass. But as far as I am aware, that has not been the case. If there is any information to the effect that there has been any kind of racial overtone in any of the answers given, it should be brought to my attention.

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Beaudoin:** Mr. Speaker, on a point of order.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Richmond is rising on a point of order.

**Mr. Beaudoin:** I would like to point out to Your Honour that today we could only ask one question without any supplementary. We do not want to appear to be smart, but I understand we had today supplementaries with an excessively long preamble and that took most of the oral question period. With the cooperation you always gave our party, we would like to have a chance in the future to ask at least two questions. I thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member will recognize that there was a problem today. Only 12 hon. members of the official opposition and two of the New Democratic Party asked questions today, according to the normal proportion. There was also one hon. member of the Social Credit today. This is unfortunately the situation which prevailed during the oral question period. The hon. member is perfectly aware that on other days at least two and sometimes three hon. members of the Social Credit can ask their questions. Unfortunately it was impossible this afternoon. I regret it as much as the hon. member.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*English*]

### SUPPLEMENTARY BORROWING AUTHORITY ACT, 1975

#### BORROWING AUTHORITY FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND GENERAL PURPOSES

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Finance)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-80, to provide supplementary borrowing authority for public works and general purposes.

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

## QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

[*Translation*]

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**Mr. J.-J. Blais (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 3,085, 3,129, 3,165, 3,262, 3,311, 3,315, 3,481, 3,563, 3,592, 3,619, 3,661 and 3,679.

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