

Canada Elections Act

[English]

Mr. Speaker: The motion can be put at this time by the minister only with the consent of the House. Does the House give its consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, questions Nos. 49 and 61 will be answered today and I ask that the other questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Does the House agree?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Text]

MONEY OWED BY MR. CHAPMAN TO C.N.R.**Question No. 49—Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Since April 20, 1968, how many accounts owing to CNR owned Chateau Laurier Hotel by Mr. Vic Chapman have been uncollected, written off, charged to business promotion by the Hotel or which have been unpaid?

2. What was the total amount paid or unpaid to the Chateau Laurier since April 20, 1968 by or on behalf of Mr. Chapman?

3. Is this Mr. Chapman the same Mr. Victor Chapman who has been employed by the Prime Minister?

4. Were any attempts made by the Chateau Laurier to collect the accounts owing and (a) if so, what are all the details (b) if not, for what reason?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport): It is not company policy to disclose details of its hotel guest lists or transactions between its hotels and guests.

NATURE PROTECTION AND WILDLIFE PRESERVATION**Question No. 61—Mr. Orlikow:**

1. Has the government ratified the OAS Convention on Nature Protection and Wildlife Preservation in the Western Hemisphere and, if not, is consideration being given to ratifying the Convention?

2. On what date can action be expected on this matter?

Mr. Mike Landers (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State (Environment)): 1. No; matter being considered.

2. Convention is being reviewed by the Canadian Wildlife Service, Parks Canada, Department of External Affairs and the provincial governments to determine if it is to Canada's advantage to sign.

[English]

Mr. Paproski: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. It has to do with the anticipated disposition of questions on the order paper and the form which Your Honour, the whips, the Clerk Assistant, the *Journals* office and the press gallery receive as soon as we are assembled in this chamber. The production of this form has been delayed half an hour. I would like to know why, because as the whip on this side I need this information to make sure that there are no points of order to be raised after the question period. I can anticipate points of order if I am given notice of the numbers of the questions which are going to be answered. There seems to be a delay, now, of half an hour, and this causes some difficulty on this side of the House.

[Translation]

Mr. Pinard: Mr. Speaker, the Standing Orders provide that we answer questions on the order paper at three o'clock in the afternoon or after the oral question period. It is only mere courtesy on our part to distribute in advance to hon. members the list of questions which will be answered. Last week the hon. member rightfully complained that he did not receive in advance the list of questions to be answered. He pointed out at that time that he would like to receive it half an hour in advance. Therefore I saw to it today that it be done and he did receive it at 2:30 p.m.

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GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

CANADA ELECTIONS ACT**AMENDMENT OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS**

The House resumed, from Monday, October 31, consideration of the motion of Mr. Cafik (for Mr. MacEachen) that Bill C-5, to amend the Canada Elections Act, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Harvie Andre (Calgary Centre): Mr. Speaker, I say, through you, to the deputy House leader that I will not be long in my remarks. I understand I will be the last speaker for this party. In making this contribution to the second reading debate on Bill C-5, I offer congratulations to the Chief Electoral Officer, Mr. Hamel, and the all-party committee which worked so diligently for many months on the contents of Bill C-5, amendments to the Canada Elections Act passed by this parliament in 1974.

I had the pleasure of participating in the committee. It spent many months going over the amendments to the Canada Elections Act. It produced two very important changes to our electoral procedure: first, contributions to election campaigns will now be declared publicly—the accusation can no longer be made about devious methods being used to finance political