

Motions for Papers

- Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister without Portfolio):** 1. The Hon. Jean Marchand, as Minister of Transport, did not travel to the State of Florida, in the U.S.
2. Not applicable.

HON. JEAN MARCHAND

Question No. 3,594—Mr. Cossitt:

1. Did the Honourable Jean Marchand, while a member of the Cabinet at any time previous to becoming Minister of Transport, travel to the State of Florida in the United States and, if so (a) on what dates (b) to what places (c) for what purpose (d) what was the means of transportation?

2. In each case, where a government aircraft was used, what is a (a) full description of the aircraft (b) complete list of all persons on board at any time including job designations and addresses?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister without Portfolio): 1. The Hon. Jean Marchand, as a private citizen, while a member of the Cabinet and previous to becoming Minister of Transport, did travel to Miami in the State of Florida in the United States on various occasions for private matters and on commercial airlines.

2. Not applicable.

DISTRIBUTION OF GOVERNMENT CHEQUES

Question No. 3,599—Mr. Stevens:

What was the cost of the distribution made on Supply and Services in advising Members and others with respect to the temporary measures taken by the government with regard to the distribution of government cheques (a) who received the information kit (b) what was the individual cost of the folders in which the five pieces of paper were placed (c) what was the total cost of the folders involved in the distribution?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services): (a) All members of parliament; (b) 36.5 cents; (c) \$98.55.

SUPPLY AND SERVICES—RETENTION OF LAWYERS IN CONSTITUENCY OF VICTORIA, B.C.

Question No. 3,617—Mr. McKinnon:

1. What were the names and addresses of all lawyers and law firms in the Constituency of Victoria, British Columbia who performed services for the Department of Supply and Services during 1973 and 1974?

2. By year, what was the total amount paid to each?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services): 1. Nil.

2. Not applicable.

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MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

Mr. Hugh Poulin (Parliamentary Secretary to Solicitor General): I ask, Mr. Speaker, that all notices of motions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Shall all notices of motions be allowed to stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Mr. Cossitt.]

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

ANTI-INFLATION ACT

MEASURE TO PROVIDE FOR RESTRAINT OF PROFIT MARGINS, PRICES, DIVIDENDS AND COMPENSATION

The House resumed, from Tuesday, December 2, consideration of the motion of Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale) that Bill C-73, to provide for the restraint of profit margins, prices, dividends and compensation in Canada, be read the third time and do pass.

Mr. Arnold Peters (Timiskaming): Mr. Speaker, yesterday when this debate adjourned I was referring to the white paper and the conclusions reached in the white paper. I indicated that in my opinion most Canadians would agree that something should be done about inflation and the rising cost of most of our commodities, and that they would welcome the intervention of the government in this regard. There has been much discussion of the Conservatives' proposal that there be only temporary intervention, as opposed to the government's proposal for a more or less indefinite intervention. In addition to that there has been considerable input from the general public who are now finding controls extending far beyond what they had envisaged.

I think there is interest now in having this legislation passed, not because the Canadian public is impressed with it but simply because they want to see the regulations to discover how badly they are going to be hurt and how much disruption will be caused in the country. Speculation as to how this legislation is going to work should end. When the regulations are published, the public will then discover how they will affect wages, salaries and other forms of income.

Mention has been made of prices and profits. Everyone knows that there is no control over prices, just as there is no control over profits. We all know that the government is going to do nothing about the fact that the banks increased their profits by 85 per cent in the last year. As far as the government is concerned, that is not inflation. So really, Mr. Speaker, almost everyone agrees that we are talking here about salaries and wages and other forms of income.

Teachers have now been put into a different labour category. Before this legislation was introduced, the teachers considered that they were paid a salary; certainly they did not relate themselves to the labour movement as such. However, they now find that they are being regulated by the pronouncements of the chairman of the Anti-Inflation Board even though regulations have not yet been published. The chairman of the board is saying to one group of teachers that their income will be restricted within certain guidelines; to another group of teachers he has made a different pronouncement. Thus, the teachers are totally confused as to what they can look for.

I have also had discussions with the other side in that particular dispute. The trustees and school boards want to know what the guidelines are because they, too, are scared that they will suffer from the very harsh penalties contained in this legislation if they take action that conflicts with the guidelines. I doubt whether that will be the case. I