

(b) resign and, if so, how many and for what stated reason (c) have their employment terminated and, if so, how many and for what reason?

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[English]

STARRED QUESTION

Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, would you be so kind as to call starred question No. 4,291?

[Text]

*CANADA HOME RENOVATION PLAN (CHRP)

Question No. 4,291—**Mr. McGrath:**

1. Do either the local or national Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation offices have any information about the application of the program announced by the Minister of Public Works to reimburse repairs on existing homes and, if not, can the Minister say on what date detailed information and application forms will be available, in view of the fact that the building season is now getting under way?

2. Can the Minister indicate in what specific areas of the country the plan will be applicable, so that Canadians who wish to renovate can begin to make plans?

[Translation]

Mr. Henri Tousignant (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Public Works): Madam Speaker, further to the question put by the hon. member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath) which was essentially as follows: Do either the local or national Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation offices have any information about the application of the program announced by the Minister of Public Works to reimburse repairs on existing homes. The reply is as follows:

The National Office of CMHC has complete information about the Canada Home Renovation Plan. Distribution of detailed information and application forms to local offices began on April 21. All offices are now in a position to provide information and application packages.

The Plan is available in all areas of the country, but funds will be targeted to areas experiencing high unemployment. The Atlantic and Quebec Regions will therefore receive a large part of the total allocation.

[English]

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

Madam Speaker: Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Beatty: Madam Speaker, on February 19, I placed question No. 4,041 on the Order Paper. In that question I asked:

1. What action (a) was taken (b) is currently planned by the government on each recommendation of the (i) Second Report of the Second Session of the 30th Parliament from the Standing Joint Committee on Regulations and Other

Taxation

Statutory Instruments (ii) Fourth Report of the First Session of the 32nd Parliament from the Standing Joint Committee on Regulations and Other Statutory Instruments (iii) Report of the Task Force on Regulatory Reform (iv) Reports of the Regulation Reference of the Economic Council of Canada?

I am informed that the answer to that question was made available by Treasury Board to the Privy Council office some weeks ago. There seems to be a delay in the Privy Council office in answering that question. Several months have lapsed since February 19. Can the parliamentary secretary tell the House, first, the cause for the delay in the Privy Council office and, second, when the answer to that question will be made available to the House?

Mr. Smith: Madam Speaker, I do not know the answer to that question offhand, but I will be happy to make inquiries and see if I can expedite the tabling of the answer.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATUTE LAW RELATING TO CERTAIN TAXES

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. Yvon Pinard (for the Minister of State for Finance) moved that Bill C-112, to amend the statute law relating to certain taxes, be read the third time and do pass.

Mr. G. M. Gurbin (Bruce-Grey): Madam Speaker, I am pleased to begin the third reading debate on Bill C-112 on behalf of the official opposition. This bill is part of a large number of energy bills arising from the National Energy Program. They caused some difficulty when they were originally incorporated in a large package. They have now been broken down into bite size so that we can more easily digest, scrutinize and provide constructive criticism.

We are now dealing with Bill C-112, the major taxation device of the National Energy Program. It contains several aspects which are responsible for drawing large amounts of money into the government treasury from consumers all across the country.

An interesting feature of the taxation changes occurring as a result of this bill is that we are faced with this bill and the whole National Energy Program at a time when the rules provided by successive Liberal governments were felt to be inadequate to deal with the situation that developed in energy and also with regard to deficits and the financing of government operations.

These rules, all of the taxation regimes and all of those things which control energy companies in Canada, had originally been provided by Liberal governments. This was for all companies which had their head office in the United States or some other country or those which had a branch corporation in