

Order Paper Questions

If the hon. member proposes to argue that point, I think he ought to have the opportunity. However, I think that opportunity ought not to arise at this hour of the day but, rather, during private members' hour. I do not think we should engage in that kind of procedural argument now and hold up the kind of measure that is to be debated by the House today.

I wonder if we might not stand the bill for the moment, not in an indefinite way but simply for today or Monday, and come to an agreement that soon in one of the private members' hours this matter should be raised and argued at five o'clock. If we cannot come to that resolution, perhaps the hon. member can be permitted to go ahead and argue his point on Monday at three o'clock. Is that agreed?

Mr. Leggatt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, that is agreed. Apparently I was not aware of the procedure; I thought we could introduce the bill for first reading and hold the argument regarding the procedural question. But I defer to Your Honour's ruling, of course, and that is quite satisfactory.

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NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT OF THE HANDICAPPED WEEK ACT

MEASURE TO DESIGNATE SECOND WEEK IN OCTOBER AS NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT OF THE HANDICAPPED WEEK

Mrs. Ursula Appolloni (York South) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-412, respecting National Employment of the Handicapped Week.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mrs. Appolloni: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to create a climate of public awareness of the value and fairness of employing handicapped men and women, and to encourage all employers throughout Canada to review and broaden their policies toward the employment of the handicapped.

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: 1,176, 2,920, 2,921 and 2,972.

[Text]

USE OF THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE BY AN INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF LIBERALS

Question No. 1,176—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. With reference to the statement by the Prime Minister on page 2135 of Hansard on May 8, 1974 to the effect he assured the Member for Leeds that the Liberal Party was paying for the use of the National Conference Centre by an international gathering of Liberals and with reference to the answer to Question No. 67 to the effect that no rental was paid by the Liberal Party for use of the National Conference Centre on the occasion in question (a) how does the Prime Minister explain this discrepancy (b) did the Prime Minister misinform or mislead the House in his statement of May 8, 1974?

2. (a) What is the total cost of all aspects of the operation of the National Conference Centre for any period of 24 hours (b) what was the total cost of all aspects of the operation of the Centre for the period of approximately five days that it was in use by the Liberal Party from April 29, 1974 to May 3, 1974 (c) will the government be billing the Liberal Party for this sum paid for by taxpayers money?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council):

1. (a) and (b) It is suggested that the hon. member for Leeds review the statement and answer referred to. Catering and similar expenses were not charged to public funds. Therefore no discrepancy exists. The House was not misinformed or mislead.

2. (a) and (b) The work and man-hours involved in arriving at a 24-hour cost of operation is not warranted. In the period April 29, 1974 to May 3, 1974, 1,860 persons attended 26 conferences and meetings in the Conference Centre. (c) See answer to Part 1.

PROGRAM FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY (PAIT)

Question No. 2,920—**Mr. Reynolds:**

Is information made available as to those who receive PAIT grants and, if not, for what reason?

Mr. Marcel Roy (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): The name of PAIT grant recipients and the amount paid is annually listed in the Public Accounts of Canada. Such information is therefore made available on request.

PURCHASE OF CANADAIR AND DE HAVILLAND

Question No. 2,921—**Mr. Hnatyshyn:**

Have various Canadian companies made proposals to the government for the purchase of De Havilland Aircraft of Canada Limited, Toronto and Canadair Limited of Montreal and, if so, which companies submitted bids and what was the amount in each case?

Mr. Marcel Roy (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Two Canadian companies, Spar Aerospace Products of Toronto and Cornat Industries of Vancouver submitted a joint proposal to acquire Canadair and de Havilland. The purchase price was subject to negotiation. To date negotiations have not been undertaken.