

EDUCATION

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION CHANGES

Mr. Roland de Corneille (Eglinton—Lawrence): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Secretary of State and the Prime Minister, I will direct my question to the Deputy Prime Minister. Universities and colleges in Toronto closed down yesterday in a protest by administrators, faculty members and students alike. A Liberal Party task force is going across the country in the next three weeks to find out what can be done about this grave crisis. I therefore ask why the Government has twice replaced the individuals responsible for post-secondary education over the past two years? We now have our third Secretary of State and third Deputy Minister. Is it because they were incompetent, or because they were so embarrassed because they feel the Government has betrayed the cause of young people?

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, without agreeing with the premise of the Hon. Member's question, I will take that as a representation and ensure that the responsible Minister receives it, and perhaps he can reply next week.

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[Translation]

PRIVILEGE

REQUEST FOR DETAILS CONCERNING AN ANSWER GIVEN DURING ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montreal—Sainte-Marie): On a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Hon. Member for Montreal—Sainte-Marie (Mr. Malépart).

Mr. Malépart: Mr. Speaker, I would not want the Minister to mislead the House and I do not think that such is his intention. However, he stated in reply to one of my questions that the commissioners could decide to reimburse the \$30 million to those who have taken an early retirement. I say that such is not the case because it was the Government that decided to take away these \$30 million.

I would like the situation to be clearly explained because the public could get the wrong idea.

Mr. Bouchard: Mr. Speaker, if that is what the Hon. Member understood, he is indeed right in saying that it is not what I meant. Naturally, I said that, as concerns the management of the unemployment insurance programs, a number of people at the Commission were involved, but when you said that the Commission had a surplus of \$150 million and had only to take the \$30 million in question, I replied that this was a matter of administrative management and that we had to take everything into consideration. If you are saying—

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Mr. Malépart: The \$30 million were taken away by Minister Wilson!

Mr. Bouchard: No, no. That is another matter.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

ORDERS IN COUNCIL

TABLING OF DOCUMENTS—GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I am tabling today the final few Orders in Council concerning appointments which had not been clerically processed to be forwarded to committee chairman by the time I tabled the long list of appointees yesterday. This completes the number we should have tabled.

Ms. Copps: Mr. Speaker, according to the Standing Orders our committees have 30 days in which to review these appointments. Because the House was prorogued the committees have not all been constituted. Is it possible for the 30 days to commence when the committees are actually constituted?

Mr. Mazankowski: Mr. Speaker, there is clear authority for the committees to be reconstituted. That was given this last week and that is precisely why the delay in the tabling took place, so that the full 30 days would be provided. My understanding is that most committees are in the process of being reconstituted.

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INTERPARLIAMENTARY DELEGATIONS

PRESENTATION OF REPORT OF SEVENTEENTH AFRICAN REGIONAL COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE

Hon. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 101, I have the honour to present to the House, in both official languages, the report on the seventeenth African Regional Commonwealth Conference held in Malawi from June 20 to June 29, 1986. Due to the change in our parliamentary timetable it was not possible to table my report before this date.

PRESENTATION OF REPORT OF THIRTY-SECOND COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE

Hon. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 101, I have the honour to present to the House, in both official languages, the report on the thirty-second Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference held in London, England, from September 23 to October 1, 1986.