

Order Paper Questions

2. (a) Thermal insulation designed for pipes, ducts, boilers, tanks and wrapping materials designed exclusively for use with such insulation; wood-burning stoves, wood-burning furnaces and wood-burning space heaters, but not including fireplaces or stoves, furnaces or space heaters that burn oil or gas in combination with wood; automatic timer controls for electrical equipment which controls are designed primarily to reduce energy consumption rather than for convenience, security or to provide visual effect but not including controls designed to be integral components of electrical household appliances or any other electrical equipment; wind deflectors designed to reduce fuel consumption and for installation on motor vehicles and trailers; waterwheels for converting water power to mechanical or electrical energy and pumps and generators specifically designed for use with such waterwheels; loading dock door seals and shelters designed to conserve heated or refrigerated air during loading and unloading; and power factor correction capacitors. (b) A wide variety of items where evidence to support energy conservation representations were not received and could not be independently established by technical expertise available to the Department.

NATIONAL REVENUE EXPENDITURES IN CONSTITUENCY OF
NEW WESTMINSTER

Question No. 442—**Mr. Leggatt:**

In each fiscal year since 1970, what amount was spent in the Constituency of New Westminster by the Department of National Revenue and those agencies that report to it?

Hon. Joseph-Philippe Guay (Minister of National Revenue): 1969-70, not available; 1970-71, not available; 1971-72, \$449,305; 1972-73, \$514,578; 1973-74, \$546,925; 1974-75, \$125,396; 1975-76, \$136,336; 1976-October 31, 1977, \$154,709.

MERCHANDISE TRADE BALANCE

Question No. 534—**Mr. Howie:**

In terms of billions of dollars, what was Canada's merchandise trade balance in (a) 1973 (b) 1975 (c) 1976?

Mr. Bernard Loiselle (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Statistics Canada reports that: Canada's merchandise trade balance was as follows:

Year	Billions of Dollars
(a) 1973	+ 2.74
(b) 1975	- 0.53
(c) 1976	+ 1.09

TOURISM

Question No. 724—**Mr. Herbert:**

Did the government make any contribution within the past five years towards the construction of a tourist centre in the County of Soulanges, Quebec and, if so (a) in what amount (b) were there any terms agreed to with the payment?

[Mr. Guay (St. Boniface).]

Mr. Bernard Loiselle (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): (a) Under the terms of the Government's Federal Labour Intensive Winter Works Project for the Winter 1971-72, the Canadian Government Office of Tourism contributed \$80,000 towards the construction of a permanent tourist information centre at Rivière-Beaudette, Autoroute 20, County of Soulanges, Quebec. (b) The following is the proforma for the project: Objective: To give quick stimulus to job creation in the winter across Canada. Method: By carrying out the clean-up, refurbishing, re-design or augmenting with special new facilities, features or equipment, of one or more travel-tourism attractions or facilities per province. Provincial Contribution: The aim was for the provincial contribution to match the federal contribution as closely as possible (a minimum for provincial contribution would be 25 per cent of the costs of the projects selected). Costs: Were to be predominantly labour-intensive, although a minor share of equipment or capital cost could be included provided this could be related to job-creating activities. Approximately 75 per cent of the federal share of the contributions was to be made for the FY 1971-72 ending March 31, 1972 and 25 per cent in the two months of April and May and ending May 31, 1972.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[Translation]

CANADA ELECTIONS ACT

AMENDMENTS TO CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE ACT

The House proceeded to the consideration of Bill C-5, an Act to amend the Canada Elections Act, as reported by the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections (with amendments).

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. As the hon. members know, there are on the order paper 18 motions at the report stage of Bill C-5, an act to amend the Canada Elections Act. The Chair feels that 12 of these 18 motions do not meet the requirements of the Standing Order of the House or of our precedents, according to which amendments cannot go beyond the scope of a clause or of the bill itself, nor seek to amend the main legislation. Moreover, since some of these amendments are not accompanied by royal recommendations, they infringe upon the royal prerogative.

[English]

It is my intention at this time to outline to the House my views concerning each and every one of the 18 motions. As I have just said, motion No. 12 does not seem to me to meet procedural requirements and precedents in order to be accepted by the Chair. I feel that motions Nos. 1 and 6 go beyond the scope of the clause they seek to amend, and therefore are not in order. I refer hon. members to page 521 of May's in support of the application of this rule.