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another question of the Acting Prime Minister, but seeing you have called orders of the day I rise on a point of privilege.

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps it might be easier if the house agreed to let the hon. member ask his question.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. McIntosh: Would the Acting Prime Minister use his good offices to see that we get accurate, and not misleading, replies to our questions such as that given to me this afternoon by the Minister of Veterans Affairs. His reply was that he had answered my question yesterday. I have looked at *Hansard* and I find he made no answer yesterday. In other words his answer to us is nothing. I think we have a right to expect more from the government front benches in the way of answers to our questions than that reply given by the Minister of Veterans Affairs.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Orders of the day.

Hon. Roger Teillet (Minister of Veterans Affairs): Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I wonder whether there is any point in pursuing the matter. What the hon. member has expressed was not a question of privilege. Perhaps the minister wants to rise on a question of privilege and pursue the matter, and I would recognize him on that basis.

Mr. Teillet: This is certainly a matter of privilege, Mr. Speaker. I did say that I replied yesterday, and I am sorry for that; but if the hon. member will look at page 13896 of *Hansard* he will see I replied then. That was on Monday afternoon, the day before yesterday.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

• (3:30 p.m.)

BANK OF CANADA ACT

AMENDMENTS RESPECTING DIRECTION OF MONETARY POLICY, CASH RESERVES, ETC.

The house resumed from Tuesday, March 14, consideration in committee of Bill C-190, to amend the Bank of Canada Act—Mr. Sharp—Mr. Batten in the chair.

The Chairman: When the committee rose yesterday clause 11 had been allowed to stand while the other clauses of the bill had been agreed to.

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Bank of Canada Act

On clause 11.

[Translation]

Mr. Latulippe: Mr. Chairman, I informed the house yesterday that we would have something more to say, particularly with regard to clause 11 of Bill No. C-190. This concerns the financing of municipalities, school boards and various public organizations under the control of or controlled by the Bank of Canada; this is the subject I should like to deal with briefly while introducing an amendment to clause 11.

Mr. Chairman, the bank should act as the financial agent of the Canadian government free of charge, and it should also act as banker or financial agent of the provincial governments and municipal corporations with regard to all aspects of the issue of long-term bonds to finance public buildings and various public works.

The aim of this amendment is to put the Bank of Canada in charge of financing provincial and municipal assets; to take public and social financing away from private sources; to give chartered banks complete economic freedom in the private sector, that is, with regard to individuals, families and private enterprise; above all to stop our provincial and municipal bonds from being financed by foreign countries, which is the main cause of the deficits in our international balance, mostly on account of the unnecessary interest rates which must be paid to foreign countries in addition to the money borrowed in long-term share capital; finally, the amendment aims to abolish unnecessary interest charged on the financing of the assets of our society, at all these different levels.

The provinces and the municipalities, Mr. Chairman, are actually extensions of the federal government in the administration of the nation and in the whole economic life of the Canadian people.

Provinces and municipalities are institutions as important in fact as the federal government, but at a divisional administrative level if you like, the same as the banking system which also has its operational unit at various administrative levels, as can be seen very clearly from the following outline I am going to give.

Mr. Chairman, there is a central bank and a central government; eight chartered banks—and we shall have more some time hence—and ten provincial governments; 5,700 bank branches and 4,000 municipal governments.