

unusual documents into the House, and what guidelines we should follow, because if all kinds of documents may be brought into the House ad infinitum, to table them as the hon. member did just now, perhaps I too could use my imagination and bring gifts along for these people next week.

Madam Speaker: I would urge the hon. member not to use his imagination, because it is absolutely forbidden to bring documents into the House as was done by the hon. member for Burnaby (Mr. Robinson), and the hon. member must have noticed that I said it was not allowed.

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[English]

HOUSE OF COMMONS

PRESENCE OF PHOTOGRAPHERS IN CHAMBER

Hon. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Madam Speaker, on that point and on a related point, your Honour has no doubt had an opportunity by now to examine yesterday's *Hansard* concerning the point of order I raised with respect to the presence of still photographers behind the curtains, obviously for the purpose of taking set up photographs of the incumbent in the Chair and another hon. member. At that time I asked that that practice be rigidly prohibited and that the agreement between House leaders be enforced by the Chair. Otherwise, attitudes of hon. members might alter with respect to the continuation of allowing still photographers behind the curtains.

I hope that that kind of incident does not occur again, particularly involving, as it did, the Chair and the hon. member from the government side.

Madam Speaker: It is not clear that the Chair was involved. However, I take the remarks of the hon. member in good note, because, yes, it is true that photographers have been allowed to photograph during the question period and the permission has been extended to important debates. But the importance of debates would only be determined by the Chair itself and there would then be consultation with the leaders of the different parties.

I can assure the hon. member that the agreement between House leaders will be very strictly enforced. The permission was given because hon. members generally agreed. However, they generally agreed to the photographs being taken under certain conditions, and I am doing my best to ensure that those conditions are observed. I can assure the hon. member that the incident yesterday to which he referred will not occur again.

[Translation]

Hon. Yvon Pinard (President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, you indicated just now that photographers were given permission to take photographs in the House. I realize this is still at the experimental stage, that you have consulted with the House leaders and that we will have an opportunity to discuss the matter again in the near future. I

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feel that incidents such as those that have occurred within the last two days should be taken seriously, and I hope that if and when we should decide to accept photography in the House, you will be authorized to impose a minimum of decorum so as to prevent occurrences of the kind we have seen here today.

Madam Speaker: What happened today happened in the normal course of the question period. I think the minister will recognize that I did what I could to prevent the hon. member from tabling the documents. I believe the rules of the House were observed today. As for cameras, that is an entirely different matter, and I can assure the minister that I shall try to enforce the rules and conditions we have set on the presence of cameras in the House.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Jim Peterson (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Justice and Minister of State for Social Development): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 3,759 and 4,081.

[Text]

TRANSFER OF DISTRIBUTION UNIT OF TOURISM OFFICE

Question No. 3,759—**Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton):**

With reference to the proposal to transfer the distribution unit of the Canadian Government Tourism Office to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, does the government intend to table all correspondence and interoffice memoranda which flowed between and among the Minister of State (Small Businesses and Tourism), the President of the Treasury Board and the Minister of Public Works and all relevant correspondence and interoffice memoranda from the assistant deputy minister of tourism, T. R. G. Fletcher, to the Minister of State (Small Businesses and Tourism) for the calendar year 1981?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): In so far as the Minister of State for Small Businesses and Tourism is concerned: No.

LEAR JET

Question No. 4,081—**Mr. MacKay:**

1. Did Canadair Ltd. engage in a financial transaction with the late William Lear, prominent U.S. aircraft inventor and designer, for the acquisition of airframe design rights for the aircraft known as the "Lear" jet and, if so, what were the considerations for the acquisition of the rights?

2. Did Mr. Lear, upon informing himself of the results of the modifications proposed by Canadair, insist that his name no longer be associated with the aircraft and, if so, on what date did this occur and what are all the details?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): In so far as the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce is concerned: 1. Yes. Canadair, in exercising its option to purchase the rights to the LearStar 600 design, entered into a