

Oral Questions

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State for Urban Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I think most of these questions have been answered. I repeat that, subject to clearance by our legal agent, these funds are given to the entrepreneur. He then disperses them in accordance with work inspected by CMHC and other inspectors and approved by his lawyer. Subsequent to that, CMHC has no way of ensuring that the moneys expended by the contractor are going to that particular project. It would be impossible to have an auditor general for every contract in every place where CMHC operates. We have to rely on the reports from our lawyer and our inspectors that the physical plant exists. We do that. We do a lot of this work across Canada. We are satisfied in this case. We cannot make a firm statement that all the funds were expended on that particular project. However, we are satisfied that funds were advanced in accordance with our system of inspections, follow-ups and checking our accounts. I do not see anything that needs to be added to that.

● (1200)

Mr. Hnatyshyn: There have been allegations that a part of the \$5.9 million allocated by CMHC to York Place was actually used to finance another Hamilton project known as Main Place. In view of the fact that CMHC rejected the Main Place application for a mortgage, would the acting minister or whoever is answering assure the House that these allegations are completely without foundation and that no CMHC funds whatsoever were used in the construction of Main Place?

Mr. Gauthier (Ottawa-Vanier): I would like to take notice of that aspect, Mr. Speaker. My information is that the name of Main Place was changed to York Place and that there was no CMHC money given to Main Place.

YORK PLACE, HAMILTON—ALLEGEDLY MISLEADING
INFORMATION FROM MINISTER CONCERNING CONVICTION OF
OFFICIAL

Mr. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon-Biggar): In relation to the minister's answer to part 16 of question 812 on the order paper asked by my hon. friend from St. John's East, I would simply ask why the minister sought to misinform the House by saying that no official of CMHC had been charged in connection with improper activities in the construction of York Place when in truth a CMHC inspector named Clifford Shaw had been convicted of corrupt practices in a trial which the judge presiding said was of national importance.

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State for Urban Affairs): I say again, Mr. Speaker, that the charges which were laid were laid under section 110 of the Criminal Code. This had nothing to do with the York Place development project.

[Mr. Hnatyshyn.]

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

DISPOSITION OF BILL C-24

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, I wish to inform the House that there is agreement among the representatives of all parties to the following motion, pursuant to Standing Order 75A, which I would move as follows:

That the time spent on government orders commencing at 12 noon on July 26, 1977, except for one hour to be designated by a minister of the Crown, be allocated as required to the report stage of Bill C-24, an act respecting immigration to Canada, and that no later than 5.45 p.m. on July 22, Mr. Speaker shall interrupt any proceedings then before the House and shall put, without further debate or amendment, all questions necessary for the disposal of report stage of said bill; and

that proceedings on the third reading stage of the said bill shall commence upon the completion of the report stage, and that no later than 5.45 p.m. July 27, 1977, Mr. Speaker shall interrupt any proceedings then before the House and shall put, without further debate or amendment, all questions necessary for the disposal of the third reading stage of the said bill.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: This motion, being put forward pursuant to Standing Order 75A, is to be decided forthwith, without debate or amendment. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Motion agreed to.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 1,571, 2,235, 2,417, 2,452, 2,453, 2,732 and 2,081.

[Text]

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS—CHARLOTTETOWN

Question No. 1,571—**Mr. Herbert:**

1. Will costs for the land acquisition and the building required by the Department of Veterans Affairs in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, be charged to the Department of Public Works and, if so, for what reason?

2. What amount of land acquisition and construction costs, if any, will be charged by the Department of Public Works to the Department of Veterans Affairs?

3. How will these amounts be shown in the estimates of the Department of Veterans Affairs?

4. For how long is it anticipated that the Department of Public Works will carry the costs of the new facilities?

Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Departments