

B.C., *Status of Women News* and *Radio Guide* have also been denied second-class mailing privileges.

Can the Government explain why *Penthouse*, *Hustler*, *Playboy* and other soft porn magazines have their mailing costs subsidized by Canadian taxpayers while a church magazine such as *Canada Lutheran* is denied that subsidy?

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion): Mr. Speaker, the broad area raised by the Member is under serious review and consideration. Due to the importance of the question, will he allow me to bring it to the attention of the Minister so that he can reply more fully upon his return next week?

Mr. de Jong: Mr. Speaker, that answer is totally unacceptable. Through its post office policy the Government is subsidizing soft porn magazines while denying church magazines that same privilege.

REQUEST THAT COMMITTEE CONDUCT CROSS-COUNTRY HEARINGS

Mr. Simon de Jong (Regina East): I will address my supplementary question to the Deputy Prime Minister. Will the Conservative Party not allow the parliamentary committee on the Post Office to travel across the country to hear the criticisms and suggestions of Canadians in order that, through a consensus process, we can develop a plan for the Post Office which Canadians want? Canadians do not want *Penthouse* and *Hustler* to be subsidized while church magazines are not subsidized. Canadians do not want superboxes, and they do not want contracting out of rural services. Allow the parliamentary committee to travel.

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary undertook to get back to the Hon. Member with regard to the first part of his question. With regard to the second part, there is a process which is normally followed for committee proceedings.

Mr. de Jong: They were muzzled. They won't even meet.

Mr. Mazankowski: These issues are decided at the steering committee level. All items which Members want to pursue at the respective standing committees are considered there. If the Member feels strongly about this particular issue, he should follow that course.

[Translation]

DAY CARE CENTRES

FORTHCOMING BUDGET—INQUIRY CONCERNING ALLOCATION OF FUNDING

Mrs. Lucie Pépin (Outremont): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance. The Budget which will be brought down in February will reflect the real priorities of this Government. I would therefore like the Minister of Finance to tell us whether his Budget will take into account the urgent situation of day care centres and include a special fund for day care. Can Canadians expect new fund allocations in this Budget to meet the pressing needs for day care centres?

[English]

Hon. Michael Wilson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member is quite aware that I am not able to disclose what might or might not be in a Budget. I am sure she is very much aware of the efforts which have been made by the Prime Minister, the Minister of National Health and Welfare, and the Minister of State responsible for the Status of Women. We are consulting the provinces and private sector groups to try to develop a national program on child care. This work will proceed.

[Translation]

TIMING OF GOVERNMENT'S PROVISION OF FUNDS TO ESTABLISH HIGH QUALITY DAY CARE SERVICES

Mrs. Lucie Pépin (Outremont): Mr. Speaker, my supplementary is for the Minister for the Status of Women.

We all recall that the Minister needed only a few days to come to the assistance of the failing banks last year.

Can the Minister now tell us how long Canadian families will have to wait before the required funds are provided to develop quality day care services?

[English]

Hon. Barbara McDougall (Minister of State (Privatization)): Mr. Speaker, the Government, particularly the Prime Minister, has made a very active commitment to day care. The Minister of National Health and Welfare has said that there will be a commitment by this June. After 25 years of total inaction by the previous Government, this is commendable.

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IMMIGRATION

MINISTER'S BROADCAST STATEMENTS

Mr. Ernie Epp (Thunder Bay—Nipigon): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Employment and Immigration I will direct my question to the Deputy Prime Minister. Yesterday the Minister of Employment and Immigration refused to accept my request and that of two other Members to withdraw a highly offensive description of his home region as