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An Hon. Member: Exhibitors.

Mr. Milliken: Yes. I am asking for the list of exhibitors and I am not getting it.

An Hon. Member: Here it is here.

Mr. Milliken: Oh, the international ones too? Oh, great! Why does the Minister not table the list? The only list on the back is of Canadian companies. I invite the Minister to table the list. I have not seen the program.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Milliken: Perhaps these Ministers could contain themselves for a moment. I can understand their excitement. I do not know why they would not file these documents while they were making their speeches. They should table them in the House so that we can all have the benefit of the information they have. I have asked for it. Indeed, we have been asking for it since eleven o'clock this morning when the debate began, and so far there has been nothing forthcoming.

I would be delighted to have the list of exhibitors, and I would be delighted to have the list of guests. I suspect very strongly that the Minister of National Defence or the Associate Minister of National Defence helped the organizers prepare the guest list. Why not bring the guest list in here and let us see it? She said in her speech: "Some of the people we have invited". I do not think it was purely a slip of the tongue. It might have been, but I think the Minister has had something to do with this and she knows it. I think the Minister for Privatization may have had his foot in the door too. Tell us all about it? I would invite the Minister to reply.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: There will be a short question from the Hon. Associate Minister of National Defence, and then we will proceed to put questions and comments by the NDP.

Mrs. Collins: Mr. Speaker, I am still not quite sure what is the Hon. Member's position. I think he supports it. We are going to be together, I believe, tomorrow in Kingston at the graduation at the Royal Military College, and I am sure we will have a good opportunity to discuss his views with the military.

I would just like to clarify one thing. The list of exhibitors is published in the program. Perhaps he does not have it. It has all the exhibitors. The countries represented are Canada, United States, Sweden, and

Germany. They are all NATO countries, except I believe there is one from Israel. I have heard that there was one; I am not sure if it is on the final list or not. Those are the people who are coming from offshore to be exhibitors.

Second, we do not buy things at the exhibit. We go to look at it. I am sure Hon. Members understand how Government does its purchasing. We do not just go down and write a cheque or write an order form at ARMX. We find out what is there and then obviously the purchasing officers of the Department or the project officers go through a process at some point in time if they are interested in buying more tents or more computer systems or whatever it is. It gives them the chance to see them.

In terms of other people, I personally have invited—actually it was my predecessor—the Secretary of State for Defence from the Netherlands. He is coming as my guest next week for an official visit and he will be attending ARMX.

I understand that the Department of External Affairs has invited the the Secretary of State for Defence from the U.K. Those are the only invitations I have been involved in. I understand that the sponsors of the show have invited all the diplomatic people here in Ottawa. These are not the people that buy things. It is a diplomatic courtesy that they are invited, other than from the Warsaw countries.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: On a point of order, the Hon. Member for Saint-Denis.

Mr. Prud'homme: Mr. Speaker, would the Hon. Minister be ready to table the document. I see no objection to that. Would she look into the possibility of also tabling the list of the "invited guests", the diplomatic corps. That is of great interest to us. Yes or no.

Mrs. Collins: In responding to the point of order, I am sure if Members would like this list, there is a program that has been published showing all the exhibitors. This is just a photocopy of it. I do not have the list of who the sponsors have invited. I will make those inquiries and see if we can get that list.

Mr. Prud'homme: Thank you.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Can we proceed with the question from the Member for Kootenay West—Revelstoke