

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Mr. Speaker, could we get the assurance of the minister that the jurisdiction extends also to uranium refineries and subsidiary uranium pursuits? One of the main concerns of Saskatchewan people, particularly, relates to the lack of available information from the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, and Eldorado Nuclear Ltd. regarding the contents of the environmental and health studies that have been carried out.

Could we get a commitment from the minister that he will, in fact, bring into public light the results of his studies in terms of health and environmental consequences of uranium mining and refining?

Mr. O'Connell: Mr. Speaker, I do not know that my department has done such studies. I will inquire. The question might more properly be directed to the minister responsible for the Atomic Energy Control Board. I will inquire as to whether in fact we have any such studies.

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PUBLIC SERVICE

POLICY RESPECTING EMPLOYEES FOR NEXT THREE YEARS

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, I would direct my question to the President of the Treasury Board. I will give him an opportunity to get back to his seat. This is the third time I have stood in an effort to determine the position of the overclassification audit, or the classification audit which has been undertaken by this government.

On November 22, the former president of the treasury board stated, as appears at page 1372 of *Hansard*:

Mr. Speaker, I will be making the results of that classification audit, inside and outside the national capital region, public within the matter of a few days. Also, I will deal with the response of the government to the findings of that audit at the same time.

My question is a simple one. Is it a fact that the findings are so embarrassing that the government is attempting to sweep them under the rug? If that is not the case, would the minister indicate why he is so slow in giving us this evidence which is sorely required by the Canadian people in terms of trying to find out how many million dollars we have lost?

An hon. Member: That's a humble, simple little question.

Hon. Judd Buchanan (President of the Treasury Board): The answer to the first part of the question is no; and I will be tabling it the latter part of this week or the beginning of next.

● (1502)

Mr. Alexander: Mr. Speaker, would the minister give us the opportunity of hearing his voice on motions? In this regard, would he assure the House that when he tables that document he will also deliver a statement as to the government's solution following the classification study, thereby giving members of parliament an opportunity to question him? Will he give us that assurance?

Economic Development

Mr. Buchanan: Mr. Speaker, I will be happy to consider the representations of the hon. member.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Speaker: Order. I have two outstanding procedural matters with which I would like to deal as directly as possible. However, if I could have some assurance that we might get through routine proceedings fairly quickly, perhaps we could deal with it first. I refer to points raised by the hon. member for Calgary Centre (Mr. Andre) yesterday, and by the hon. member for Northumberland-Durham (Mr. Lawrence) some time ago on a question of privilege.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

TABLING OF REPORT ON IMPACT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS ON CANADIAN SOVEREIGNTY

Hon. Jeanne Sauvé (Minister of Communications): Mr. Speaker, under Standing Order 41(2), I wish to table, in both official languages, the terms of reference of the advisory committee on the impact of telecommunications on Canadian sovereignty.

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[English]

MINISTRY OF STATE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ESTABLISHMENT OF DEPARTMENT

On the order: Government notices of motion:

December 4—The Prime Minister—The following proposed motion—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General of Canada:

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Jules Léger, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

May it please Your Excellency:

The House of Commons, having considered the proposed text of the Order in Council laid upon the Table of the House on 4 December 1978, in relation to the establishment of a Ministry of State for Economic Development, prays that the making of the said order in council be approved.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Standing Order 21(2), this government notice of motion stands transferred to and ordered for consideration under government orders later this day or at the next sitting of the House.