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gave the wrong figure to the House regarding United States stations which used or expressed interest in using the satellite feed publicizing Canada. A full 600 United States television stations used that feed. That amounts to a fraction of the cost of one advertisement in any U.S. daily newspaper.

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[Translation]

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S. O. 29

RAILWAYS—POSSIBLE CLOSURE AT CN SHOPS AT MONCTON

Mr. Fernand Robichaud (Westmorland—Kent): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 29, I informed you today of my intention to ask the House for an emergency debate on a situation that I consider to be extremely serious. The subject of debate would be the decision by the Crown Corporation, Canadian National, to sell its railway shops at Moncton.

[English]

This CN decision to close its main shops in Moncton was taken unilaterally and without any input from Members of the House. It means that over 600 jobs will be lost. During the past year more than 1,000 workers have lived in insecurity and uncertainty. In September, 1985, 225 workers were laid off. On Tuesday, another 450 were told that they would have to retire early, be transferred, or lose their jobs.

[Translation]

The CN shops at Moncton are one of the major employers in New Brunswick. Considering the fact that the province's unemployment rate is 14.6 per cent, the second highest in Canada, it would be irresponsible to approve such a decision.

[English]

Yesterday the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick passed a unanimous motion expressing its opposition to the announced major reduction in employment at the CN shops in Moncton. The Legislative Assembly urged the Government of Canada to honour its duty with regard to regional development, in particular in the Moncton region.

Since this decision places in jeopardy the jobs of 1,022 workers of a Crown corporation in a region of extremely high unemployment, I feel it is of crucial importance that Members of Parliament be given the opportunity to debate this decision immediately.

Therefore, I respectfully request an adjournment of the House for an emergency debate on this important issue.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: The Chair received in proper form the application of the Hon. Member and of course has, as he would expect, examined carefully the application.

Without doubt the matter is a serious one, but the Chair must determine whether in fact the application conforms with the provisions of Standing Order 29. The Chair must advise the Member that the terms of Standing Order 29 have not been met and I must, therefore, decide not to accept the application.

Mr. Benjamin: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I admit my ignorance, but are interventions allowed before Your Honour hands down a decision?

Mr. Speaker: No.

Mr. Benjamin: That is too bad.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member will know what I mean when I say that they are not allowed, but sometimes people do around here intervene. In fact, the Hon. Member will know that the Chair must receive an application in writing at least an hour in advance. What happens is that the Member is obligated by the rules to read into the record only the application which has been presented to the Speaker in writing, and that is the basis upon which the Speaker makes his ruling.

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[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following question will be answered today: No. 505.

[Text]

INMATES FOUND IN POSSESSION OF DRUGS

Question No. 505—**Mr. Nunziata:**

1. (a) In (i) 1984 (ii) 1985, how many inmates in federal penitentiaries were found to be in possession of illegal drugs (b) in how many case were the drugs discovered after a return from (i) escorted (ii) unescorted temporary absence?

2. In how many cases was the inmate charged (a) under the Criminal Code (b) with flagrant or serious misconduct under Section 39 of the Penitentiary Service Regulations (c) with an intermediary offense under Section 39 (d) with minor misconduct under Section 39?

3. In each case in part 2, how many inmates (a) were found guilty as charged (b) had the charges dropped (c) had a portion of their earned remission revoked?

Hon. Perrin Beatty (Solicitor General of Canada): In so far as the Correctional Service of Canada is concerned:

1. (a) 592 inmates, (ii) 379 inmates. (b) (i), (ii) The Correctional Service of Canada does not keep records in a manner which would permit the production of the requested information without considerable expenditure in personnel resources.

2. (a) (b) (c) (d) Please see answer to part 1 (b) (i) (ii).

3. (a) (b) (c) Please see answer to part 1 (b) (i) (ii).