

The custodial practices of the federal government have, in short, taken from the Indians all capability to influence and to spell out for themselves the decisions which determine the conditions of their existence. Among other consequences, this approach has engendered a suspicion and a profound lack of confidence concerning all government efforts aimed at effecting changes in their way of life, and paradoxically at the same time it has resulted in attitudes of passivity and a greater and greater dependence on the Indian affairs branch.

I can only say in conclusion that in refusing to publish this report the government is revealing its paternalism once again. It does not trust the native people. It does not even trust parliament. The government should know that it will not be judged on its words but rather on its deeds.

**Mr. Russell C. Honey (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Forestry and Rural Development):** Mr. Speaker, I want to answer the question very quickly in the three minutes I have under the rules. I will say initially to my hon. friend from Churchill that there is no report intended for the purposes which the hon. member has mentioned. However, before I go into details I wish to say, in fairness to the hon. member for Winnipeg North (Mr. Orlikow)—and I put this on the record—that earlier in this session, on October 10, in a notice of motion for the production of papers he asked—

—that an order of the house do issue for a copy of the report prepared by ARDA dealing with poverty among the Indians of Canada.

I discussed that with the hon. member for Winnipeg North and told him what I am going to tell my friend from Churchill tonight. He agreed, and the motion was withdrawn.

I think, with all due respect to the hon. member for Churchill, that he does no service to the native people, nor does he do any service to the parliamentary process when he quotes from a report that is still under consideration and that is indeed one of many interdepartmental reports that were never intended for publication, but in fact are for the consideration of departmental officials and the minister in the eventual formation of policy dealing with native peoples. As I indicated earlier, no such report had ever been tabled in parliament, nor was there any intention other than that of providing a basis for consideration, together with many other interdepartmental reports for the consideration of officials of the department and the minister.

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It is difficult for me to know, from what the hon. member has said, exactly what report he is referring to. As I indicated, there have been several reports along this line but I have been able to identify the report which was for interdepartmental study. It was not designed for publication, and may I repeat that it is not doing a service to our departmental or our parliamentary process to pick this particular report out of several. It only creates confusion among those who are concerned, confusion in this house and confusion among the departmental officials who have to deal with this matter and report to the minister. I think it is particularly unfair to those officials to have singled this report out of many.

SPORTS—HOCKEY—ASSISTANCE TO CANADIAN NATIONAL TEAM

**Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris):** One of the main characteristics of the new government that was elected last June 25 is a growing tendency to delay action on important issues. The question I wish to bring to the house tonight concerns the financial assistance which, over recent years, has been made available to the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association to assist in the support of Canada's national hockey team. I raised this question on Tuesday but there was no answer at that time in the house.

● (10:20 p.m.)

**Mr. Munro:** You were ruled out of order.

**Mr. Dinsdale:** As the minister has just stated, I was ruled out of order; this is quite correct, and I raised a question of privilege yesterday. However, I understand that the minister did make a statement outside the house. This is the first opportunity I have had to bring the matter once again before the house, under the rules, to see if we could have a statement from the minister in this chamber.

The C.A.H.A. a few years, in attempting to deal with problems that had become particularly difficult and embarrassing for Canada, with the assistance of outstanding Canadians such as Father Bauer, organized a national hockey team for international competition. All Canadians pride themselves on the fact that Canada has established an outstanding reputation in hockey, which we regard as our national sport. There are some of course who would dispute that and say lacrosse is our national sport. I am not going to debate that