

*Routine Proceedings**[English]*

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The question as enumerated by the parliamentary secretary has been answered.

Mr. Cooper: Mr. Speaker, I ask that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

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MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

FEDERAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BANK

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Government House Leader): Mr. Speaker, would you be so kind as to call Motion for the Production of Papers No. 19.

P-19—Mr. Boudria—November 24, 1989

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the current list of all companies, strip clubs and other similar establishments to have received funding or loans directly or indirectly from the Federal Business Development Bank since 1972.

Mr. Cooper: Mr. Speaker, the document requested cannot be released under the Federal Business Development Act, Section 37(2) and the Access to Information Act, Sections 19 and 20, and the Privacy Act, Section 3, which preclude the release of information which is not general in nature and which, by its release, could allow or result in direct personal financial gain or loss by a person or a group of persons.

All the bank's relationships with its clients are commercial and as such are subject to the commercial confidentiality principles implied by the above sections.

I therefore ask the hon. member to withdraw his motion.

• (1600)

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Is it the pleasure of the House that the Notice of Motion for the Production of Papers No. P-19 be deemed to have been adopted?

Mr. Cooper: No. I ask that it be transferred for debate.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Transferred for debate?

Mr. Milliken: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. As the parliamentary secretary knows, the hon. member for Glengarry—Prescott—Russell is away today.

The point I want to make is that this request for details of funding is surely in part public. Mortgages are registered as security for this funding in most cases. The hon. parliamentary secretary must know this and surely, if the mortgages are public documents, there is no reason why the parliamentary secretary should not give the answer.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I believe the hon. member wishes to have it transferred for debate. He can make his points then. Thank you.

I wish to inform the House that because of the ministerial statement, Government Orders will be extended by 33 minutes.

Mr. Milliken: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The hon. member for Kingston and the Islands on a point of order.

Mr. Milliken: Mr. Speaker, some three weeks ago, on February 14, I rose on a point of order in connection with these Motions for the Production of Papers and I pointed out that these matters have been long delayed.

One of the earliest of my notices was placed on the Order Paper on October 25. The parliamentary secretary made an undertaking. I could quote his words. I do not think it was just because it was Valentine's Day that he was so pleasant, but he said, as reported at page 8324 of *Hansard*:

I think the member has made a reasonable request.

And I thought I had too. He continued:

I will investigate to make sure that my hon. friend gets a very decent answer to his question, and I will get it for him as soon as possible.

I have been patiently sitting here since February 14, three weeks ago, and I still have not received any response whatever from the kind-hearted parliamentary secretary. I know that he would not want to participate in a cover-up, but I suggest that the denial of information to Parliament effectively is a cover-up of the government's program. They have an obligation to answer to Parliament and give us this information. We are not getting answers at all. We have only had one dealt with