

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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THE CANADIAN CONSTITUTION

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE

On the order: Government notices of motion:

June 22—The Prime Minister—That a special joint committee of the Senate and the House of Commons be appointed to examine and report upon proposals that have been and in the future are from time to time made public by the Government of Canada, on subjects related to the Constitution of Canada;

That twenty members of the House of Commons, to be designated by the House at a later date, be members of the said committee on the part of this House;

That the committee have power to examine and enquire into all such matters as may be referred to them by the House, and, to report from time to time, and, except when the House otherwise orders, to send for persons, papers and records, to sit while the House is sitting, to sit during periods when the House stands adjourned, to print from day to day such papers and evidence as may be ordered by them, and to delegate to subcommittees all or any of their powers except the power to report direct to the House;

That the committee have power to adjourn from place to place within Canada; and

That a message be sent to the Senate requesting Their Honours to unite with this House for the above purpose, and to select, if the Senate deems so advisable, some of its members to act on the proposed special joint committee.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to section 2 of Standing Order 21, 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.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 1,144, 1,513, 1,593, 1,621, 1,680 and 1,718.

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

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SECOND LANGUAGES

Question No. 1,144—**Mr. Herbert:**

Does the government consider that it has a direct financial interest in the agreement for the federal funding for minority and second language instruction and, if so, does this interest include a responsibility to (a) explain the intent of the agreement (b) obtain an accounting of the spending of such funds and make it public?

Hon. John Roberts (Secretary of State): Yes. The hon. member is referred to the copies tabled in this House on April 7, 1978, of the letters exchanged between the federal and provincial governments regarding the federal-provincial program of bilingualism in education for the period from April 1,

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1974, to March 31, 1979, (Notice of Motion for the Production of Paper No. 49—Sessional Paper No. 303-3/149). Reference is made in the letters to the provinces of the direct financial interest of the federal government in the funding of these programs. (a) Yes. The hon. member is referred to the documents tabled in this House noted above. (b) Yes. The hon. member is referred to the documents noted above, and in particular to the sixth paragraph of the letter to the province of Quebec, and the fifth paragraph of the letter to the nine other provinces, stating the federal concern that there be full accounting of federal funds provided to the provinces under this program.

ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY AUTHORITY

Question No. 1,513—**Mr. Forrestall:**

In light of recent announcements that the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority will proceed with studies on extending the St. Lawrence Seaway season to eleven months, will the government give iron-clad guarantees to the taxpayers of Atlantic Canada that all costs of operating the Seaway for an eleven month season will be fully recovered from users as a precondition to proceeding with such a project and, if not, for what reason?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport): The St. Lawrence Seaway Authority advises as follows: the seaway authority will award a contract shortly for a study of the benefits that would accrue from a navigation season extended in stages to eleven months. So little is known presently about the relationship of benefits and costs that it is premature to anticipate any decision to extend the seaway season. The government is not in a position at this time to give the guarantees requested.

ORFORD ARTS CENTRE

Question No. 1,593—**Mr. Beaudoin:**

Did the government pay any grants to the Orford Arts Centre in the eastern townships and, if so (a) what was the total amount (b) in what years were they paid?

Hon. John Roberts (Secretary of State): Department of the Secretary of State: Grants totalling \$254,000 were made to the Orford Arts Centre as follows:

	Amount	Year
Jeunesses musicales du Canada (through the Centennial Commission)	\$ 4,000	1972
Federal contribution to the development of the "Man and Music" pavilion	\$250,000	1972

Canada Council: The Canada Council has awarded the following grants to the Orford Arts Centre: For Canadian guest artists and teachers: 1976: \$6,000; 1977: \$9,934. For guest artists and teachers from other countries, under the Cultural Exchanges program administered by the Council for External Affairs: 1969: \$15,700; 1970: \$10,542; 1971: \$11,290; 1972: