

## S.O. 21

## AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

## OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

## TABLING OF 1983 ANNUAL REPORT

**Mr. Speaker:** I have the honour to lay upon the table the annual report of the Commissioner of Official Languages for calendar year 1983. May I remind Hon. Members that, pursuant to Standing Order 46(4), this report is deemed permanently referred to the Special Joint Committee on Official Languages.

## STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S.O. 21

[Translation]

## TRANSPORT

## TOLL ON AUTOROUTES IN LAVAL RIDING

**Mr. Marcel Roy (Laval):** Mr. Speaker, my statement concerns the toll on highways in Ville de Laval. The situation is unique in Canada. Users are paying a tax which in 1975 I already said was unfair.

It imposes on the people of Ville de Laval who have to use the highway daily a cost for which there is no justification. At rush hour, the lineups at the toll booths create traffic jams, which mean that people are using more gas.

Mr. Speaker, in 1975 I had no intention of getting involved in a matter that falls under provincial jurisdiction, that of the Government of Quebec. Moreover, when Highway 13 was built at Chomedey, the Government set up two toll booths in the western part of Ville de Laval. With the help of the anti-toll committee, CAP 13, I objected, as Member for Laval, not only for the reasons I mentioned earlier, but also because the Government of Canada had contributed long-term financing amounting to \$100 million at a preferential rate, plus a \$30 million grant, for the construction of Highway 13.

Today, I am proud to join 120,000 people of Ville de Laval who have signed a petition, as well as a group of federal Members from the Laval-Laurentians area, a group of mayors from the Laurentians, and the Quebec Liberal Party, in demanding that the tolls which have already cost people in this area several thousands of dollars be removed from Ville de Laval.

[English]

## AGRICULTURE

## FARM INPUT COST INCREASES—EXPENSIVE CHEMICAL PRODUCT ADVERTISEMENTS

**Mr. Arnold Malone (Crowfoot):** Mr. Speaker, recently I arrived at my constituency residence at 2 a.m. from yet another meeting. For a few moments I watched television. That night my mind kept being drawn back to the fact that on one broadcast was an advertisement for farm weed spray under the brand name "Hoe Grass". It struck me as unusual and wrong that such an advertisement would be broadcast through an expensive medium when farmers were very unlikely to be watching. I reasoned that the only advantage of such an ad was to the chemical company which could claim an operational expense.

This past weekend three farmers on separate occasions complained about full-page colour advertisements of farm chemical products in their newspapers. The farmers knew that ultimately they paid for these expensive ads. Two of the farmers advised me that they may try farming without application of fertilizers or weed sprays in an attempt to reduce operating expenses. I therefore appeal to private sector industries to trim their costs to give farmers a better economic advantage.

Farm input costs increased 115 per cent between 1976 and 1982. Agriculture Canada has estimated that production costs will increase another 110 per cent between 1981 and 1986. The farm fertilizer bill of \$661 million in 1978 grew to \$1,040 million by 1982, an increase of 57 per cent.

With farm bankruptcies up 19 per cent since 1982, it is important that the House urge all sectors of the agricultural economy to decrease farm input costs. A more modest approach to advertising would be one step—

**Mr. Speaker:** The Hon. Member's time has expired.

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## CORPORATE AFFAIRS

## AUTHORIZATIONS SOUGHT TO SECURE CREDIT INFORMATION

**Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey-White Rock-North Delta):** Mr. Speaker, I have with me three applications for credit cards, all of which were chosen at random, which violate the spirit of the letter of the law regarding privacy. The first one is from Canadian Tire and it reads:

I authorize Canadian Tire Acceptance Limited to obtain credit information concerning myself and to exchange such information with any credit reporting agency or any person or corporation with whom I have or plan to have financial relations.

The second one is from Esso, and it reads:

—and I authorize the receipt and exchange of credit information.

The third one is from Visa, by way of Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, and it reads: