

Routine Proceedings

[Translation]

QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Madam Speaker, if question No. 94 could be made an order for return, that return would be tabled immediately.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that question No. 94 be deemed to have been made an order for return?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

[Text]

Question No. 94—**Mr. Althouse:**

For each year since 1989, has Agriculture Canada undertaken field testing of genetically altered crops and, if so, (a) what tests were done (b) were environmental assessment studies carried out before each test and, if not, why not?

Return tabled.

[Translation]

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

[English]

Mr. Milliken: Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order. To say that I was heart broken to see that my question was not answered yesterday is putting it mildly.

On May 13, I placed a question on the Order Paper which I had previously placed on the Order Paper on February 25 this year. I asked for a 45-day response. It is still unanswered.

The hon. member for Lac-Saint-Jean was on his feet a little while ago asking about the situation in Montreal. I can understand why he was not asking about his constituency because my question asks about government largesse in that constituency in the by-election.

I ask what promises the government has made and whether they have been fulfilled. I think it is fair that the answer would not take eight or nine months. This is simply an abuse of the process, and I ask the parliamentary secretary to look into this matter and provide the answer at an early date. It has got past the stage where I

should have to rise and object. I have done so on two occasions before and have had my pleas fall on deaf ears.

Mr. Cooper: Madam Speaker, I thank the hon. member for raising his concerns. I must apologize to him. I am quite certain I signed that particular question off. I thought I had tabled it in yesterday's group. I will certainly check to see where it is because it was my understanding, if my memory serves me right, I signed off several over the weekend and I was quite certain that his was in that group. I will check.

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MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Madam Speaker, would you be so kind as to call Notices of Motions for the Production of Papers Nos. P-2 and P-3 in the name of the hon. member for Churchill.

P-2—Mr. Murphy

That an Order of the House do issue for copies of all correspondence and communications regarding the issue of Bill C-79 between the Prime Minister, the Prime Minister's Office, the Privy Council Office, and any Cabinet Ministers and/or their agents and the member of Parliament for Lévis, or anyone acting on his behalf.

Mr. Cooper: Madam Speaker, there was no correspondence or communications exchanged between the Privy Council Office and the member of Parliament for Lévis on the issue of Bill C-79.

A copy of Order in Council PC-1991-813 dated May 7, 1991 was faxed to the member of Parliament for Lévis on May 7, 1991 from the Privy Council Office. As for any communications between the Prime Minister, the Prime Minister's Office, cabinet ministers and the member of Parliament for Lévis, it is not the policy of the government to divulge communications between members of Parliament and ministers.

I therefore ask the hon. member to withdraw his motion and ask that it be transferred for debate.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Transferred for debate.

P-3—Mr. Murphy

That an Order of the House do issue for copies of all correspondence and communications regarding the issue of Bill C-79, between the Prime Minister, the Prime Minister's Office, the Privy Council Office, and any Cabinet Ministers and/or their agents