

*Order Paper Questions***PETITION**

MR. GREENAWAY—MOUNT CURRIE, B.C.—REQUIREMENT FOR NEW SCHOOL

Madam Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that the Clerk of the House has laid upon the Table the one hundred and eighty-seventh report of the Clerk of Petitions stating that he has examined the petition presented by the hon. member for Cariboo-Chilcotin (Mr. Greenaway) and finds that it meets the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 2,529, 3,269, 3,319, 3,326, 3,749 and 4,028.

[Text]

CONCESSION FOR ADVERTISING AT AIRPORTS

Question No. 2,529—Mr. MacKay:

1. Does the Department of Transport have a policy with respect to the granting of the concession for advertising at airports and, if so, does the policy include a provision for the concession to be subject to public tenders?

2. Were tender calls made for the concessions and, if so, how many and on what date was the last one held?

3. (a) Which companies now hold the concessions and how long was the original term (b) were extensions granted and, if so (i) how many (ii) for what periods (iii) for what reason (c) were new terms negotiated with the contract holder to increase revenue and, if so, what were they?

4. Does the department plan to re-tender the concessions in the immediate future and, if not, for what reason?

Mr. Jesse P. Flis (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): 1. Yes.

2. The major airports (ten) were initially tendered as a single concession in the fall of 1969. In order to develop a national advertising concept, the concessionaire was also permitted to negotiate contracts at smaller airports. The concessionaire subsequently entered into further agreements at 14 additional airports.

3. (a) Charles Baker Advertising (VIP) Limited holds the concession rights. The original term was for ten years from January 1, 1970.

(b)(i) Two extensions were provided to the original term.

(ii) The periods of the extensions were from January 1, 1980 to December 31, 1980 and from January 1, 1981 to June 30, 1982.

(iii) The department had not finalized its policy concerning language requirements for commercial advertising at airports.

(c) The financial terms of the agreement were not changed as it was considered that the percentage of gross sales had already been maximized for this type of business.

4. Yes.

MR. ROWLAND FRAZEE

Question No. 3,269—Mr. Cossitt:

1. To the knowledge of the government, did Mr. Rowland Frazee, Chairman of the Royal Bank of Canada, state on October 19, 1981 or thereabouts that Canada's economy will suffer if the government does not relax foreign ownership restrictions and, if so, is the government evaluating the merits of his statement as it formulates future policy concerning the Foreign Investment Review Agency?

2. Will the government take steps to permit wider legitimate foreign investment in Canada to assist our economy?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): In so far as the Foreign Investment Review Agency is concerned:

1. The government is aware of a speech by Mr. Frazee on October 19, 1981, in which he emphasized the need for a balanced view by both government and business with respect to the issue of foreign ownership in Canada. The government is not aware of a statement by Mr. Rowland Frazee on or about October 19, 1981, that Canada's economy will suffer if the government does not relax foreign ownership restrictions.

2. It is the declared policy of the Government of Canada to welcome foreign investment that is likely to be of significant benefit to Canada.

ANNUAL REPORT OF FIRA

Question No. 3,319—Mr. Deans:

1. Did the 1980-81 annual report of the Foreign Investment Review Agency state that it was necessary to renegotiate certain undertakings with companies due to economic circumstances and, if so, which companies renegotiated undertakings in 1980-81?

2. Did the report state that "continued efforts were also made to achieve the government's objectives with regard to equal opportunity programs" and, if so, what efforts were made and with what results?

3. Was FIRA unable to comply with equal opportunity program objectives while meeting the government's restraint program of 1979?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): In so far as the Foreign Investment Review Agency is concerned:

1. Yes. Westlig Ltd., Ontario Stone Corporation, Dainippon Ink & Chemicals America Inc., Hayes-Dana Inc., Koppers Company, Inc. and Norton Company.

2. Yes. In 1980-81, the main thrust of the agency's efforts to achieve the government's objectives with regard to equal opportunity programs was in the area of equal opportunity for women. During the year, appointments were made to 29 vacant positions in the agency. A total of 250 applicants applied for these positions of which 73 were women and 177 were men. Of the total female applicants, 42 or 58 per cent were interviewed. Of the total male applicants, 77 or 43 per