

Greek origin, 51,000 of black origin and 18,000 of Chinese origin.

Many Francophone immigrants arrived in the last 20 years encountering a North American culture often different from that of their country of origin.

Others have made a considerable effort to learn French as a language of work and communication, in addition to adapting to life in North America.

The Government of Quebec has recognized the fact of this cultural diversity in the province. It constitutes a major element of the Quebec Charter of Rights and Freedoms. More recently, legislation on a Quebec Council on Cultural Communities and Immigration has demonstrated a desire to reflect this reality.

Considering the recognition of multiculturalism in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and the importance attached by this Government to multiculturalism in Canada—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): With respect, I must interrupt the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary and inform the House that the hour provided for the consideration of Private Members' Business has now expired.

● (1820)

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[Translation]

A motion to adjourn the House under Standing Order 45 deemed to have been moved.

GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES—(A) MINISTER'S MIDDLE EAST VISIT. (B) INQUIRY WHETHER TRAVEL EXPENSES WILL BE MADE PUBLIC

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry-Prescott-Russell): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have an opportunity this afternoon to take part in the adjournment debate on a subject I raised in the House on May 3, 1985.

[English]

I am sure you will vividly recall that on May 3, 1985, I asked the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defence (Mr. Nielsen) to account to the House why his colleague, the Minister of Communications (Mr. Masse) spent \$57,000 of taxpayer's money to fly himself, his wife and five aides to Algeria, Greece and the Middle East on a government jet to cut a ribbon. I am sure you will agree that this was a terrible waste of taxpayers' money and only Tories would think of such a way to squander the hard earned dollars of the taxpayers of this country. I believe it could be said that the

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Minister of Communications in so doing has made the whole Cabinet look like a Mickey Mouse outfit. I believe that kind of waste of funds must end.

We see that the Budget of the Prime Minister's Office for staffing and so on increased by 57 per cent over one year and that the salary increases for two Tory losers—and I know this is enough to make most Tory winners cringe and wish they had lost—Lawrence Hannigan and Roy McMurtry whose appointment we will be reviewing shortly under the new process announced by the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) were \$38,000 a year. That would have been enough to restore the indexed Old Age Security to all the seniors of my riding. Apparently the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) has found other ways of finding the money to do that. In order to replenish the coffers of money that was squandered, I am sure the Hon. Member for Durvenay (Mr. Della Noce) is aware that the gasoline prices have had to be increased. If that is not enough, let me talk about other instances of government waste.

As I came into the building today I was looking at that used car lot beside the west door, namely the fleet of limousines of the Cabinet Ministers. There are 39 or 40 of those limousines, all idling out there, with the chauffeurs chatting while waiting for their bosses to do whatever it is that Ministers do. The Government bought \$173,000 worth of limousines in the first six months it was in office. I know the Hon. Member for Durvenay is hiding his face in shame for being a member of a Party that partakes in that kind of act. No doubt he will cross the floor very shortly after seeing the light when he notes that kind of action perpetrated upon the people of the riding of Durvenay.

Even today in the House of Commons we learned that Cabinet Ministers are not only using government jets that way, they are now chartering private jets. Today in a written response to a question I placed on the Order Paper we learned that the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs (Mr. Côté) one day chartered a jet to go from Ottawa to Toronto. There are about 35 flights a day from Ottawa to Toronto. At some periods of the day there is one every 15 minutes. It seems none of them could accommodate the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. He must have wanted to go to Toronto at 3:30 a.m. because that is about the only time of the day when there are no commercial flights from Ottawa to Toronto. That trip cost the taxpayers thousands of dollars.

● (1825)

There must be not only the reforms we talked about before, Mr. Speaker, but there has to be some respect for the taxpayers.

During the election campaign, what did we hear from the Conservative Party? I am sure you will recall hearing the Conservatives in the last election campaign talk about the Liberals who were squandering the taxpayers' dollars. In their view it was shameful that the Government would be using funds in a way that they considered was inappropriate.

When I hear of things like \$130,000 to wallpaper the offices of six Cabinet Ministers and \$22,000 for the office of the