

Order Paper Questions

To censure is to forbid publication. Does this mean that the *Reader's Digest* and *Time Canada* will no longer be admitted in this country? Absolutely not. If the suppression of the tax privileges of a periodical meant censure, this would mean that many foreign periodicals, like the *Nouvel Observateur* and the French magazine *Express* have been submitted to the censure of the Canadian government since 1965.

I would like to say a lot more on this matter, but I see that it is nearly six o'clock. I will close by saying that a while ago there was mention of a reversal. For my part, I am very surprised to see that some people are motivated only by opportunism. On January 23, 1975, the official spokesman for the opposition on this issue, the hon. member for York-Simcoe (Mr. Stevens) said the following:

Mr. Speaker, in responding to the statement just made I would first like to say, on behalf of the official opposition, that we are pleased the government has clarified this matter at long last. We believe that the move to eliminate the income tax advantage shared mainly by two magazines, *Time* and *Reader's Digest*, is a good one.

Yet, the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert) spoke about a government reversal. What did the representative of the Social Credit Party, the hon. member for Lotbinière (Mr. Fortin), say at that time? He said the following:

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Social Credit Party of Canada, I should like to thank the Secretary of State (Mr. Faulkner) for his statement which has finally given birth . . .

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): Order, please. The Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council on a point of order.

Mr. Blais: Madam Speaker, before we say that it is six o'clock, I am wondering—

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

Mr. J.-J. Blais (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, before we call it six o'clock I wonder if the House would consent to revert to routine proceedings so that I might seek the unanimous consent of the House to make questions Nos. 3,577, 3,778 and 3,654 orders for returns. If so I would deposit these returns immediately, Madam Speaker.

● (1800)

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Text]

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY AND SERVICES CONTRACTS

Question No. 3,577—**Mr. Beatty:**

1. With reference to the contracts described in the twenty-eight Research and Development bulletins published up to and including the July 1975 issue let by the Department of Supply and Services, by department (a) what is the total value of the contracts (b) how many

[Mr. Duclos.]

were publicly advertised prior to being awarded (c) what were their numbers and descriptions (d) what was their total value?

2. Of the contracts that were advertised before being awarded (a) how many had more than one bid submitted (b) what were their numbers and descriptions (c) what was their total value?

3. Of the contracts for which more than one bid was submitted (a) which contracts were awarded to anyone other than the lowest bidder (b) in each case (i) what were the bids submitted (ii) by whom (iii) for what reason was the contract not awarded to the lowest bidder?

4. Of the persons or organizations awarded contracts (a) what are the names of any who were previous employees of the government (b) on what dates and for whom did they work (c) what previous work have they done on contract for the government (d) at what cost to the taxpayer were the contracts let?

5. What are the names of contractors or principal investigators who have been awarded more than one contract and, in each case, what were the (a) numbers (b) descriptions (c) values (d) client departments?

Return tabled.

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

Question No. 3,654—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Since April 20, 1968, what amount of public funds was spent on furniture, equipment, fixtures, carpets, etc. in each department for (a) the department office of the Minister (b) the Parliamentary office of the Minister?

2. What is the total expenditure for this period for all departments?

Return tabled.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS—CONSTITUENCY OF CHAMPLAIN

Question No. 3,778—**Mr. Matte:**

1. Since 1970, has the Department of Public Works allocated money for works in the Constituency of Champlain and, if so, how much?

2. In each case, what was (a) the kind of work done (b) the amount granted (c) the year (i) the works began (ii) the works were completed?

Return tabled.

[Translation]

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): This can be done only if the hon. parliamentary secretary gives the Chair the assurance that the hon. member for Edmonton West (Mr. Lambert), who was opposed to this motion this afternoon, has given his agreement. Is there unanimous consent of the House?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[English]

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Madam Speaker, may I ask if this has been cleared with the official opposition, since one of their members objected earlier today?

Mr. Blais: Madam Speaker, there have been consultations through the usual channels with the opposition, and I am advised that this is agreeable to them.

Mr. McKinley: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): It is so ordered.