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amendments issue is on the agenda, and I shall be happy to discuss this item at the meeting. I cannot confirm whether the Right Hon. Prime Minister will speak or when he will speak. At this point I am not in a position to confirm whether the government is to introduce one or several amendments. This will all be discussed at our next meeting, and I cannot further enlighten the member for Yukon at this time.

[English]

Mr. Waddell: Madam Speaker, I should like to ask the government House leader what happened to Bill C-48. Has it slid into welcome oblivion, or is it still with us and when are we going to vote on it?

[Translation]

Mr. Pinard: Madam Speaker, as far as we are concerned, if there is unanimous consent in the House, we are willing to vote immediately on the third reading of Bill C-48.

[English]

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Madam Speaker, on a matter of House business, I want to ask the government House leader to report to the House with respect to legislation that was promised in the Speech from the Throne relating to the inclusion of disabled persons in the Canadian Human Rights Act, in view of the fact that this is the International Year of the Disabled. The minister's parliamentary secretary was chairman of the task force on this matter and I know he will have advised him. Is the minister prepared to indicate whether the government will at least table the proposed amendment to the Canadian Human Rights Act on the basis of the Speech from the Throne in this International Year of the Disabled?

[Translation]

Mr. Pinard: Madam Speaker, I believe the Minister of Justice met with the people concerned on or about November 10. I feel it would be in order for me to consult him before answering the hon. member's question.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

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. 1,841, 1,932, 3,150, 3,191, 3,247 and 3,250.

I ask, Madam Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

[Text]

PUBLIC ATTITUDE TO FOREIGN AID

Question No. 1,841—**Mr. Clarke:**

1. With reference to the Department of External Affairs information Service Study No. T0061 (a) on what date was the questionnaire prepared and (i) were recipients given more than six days to respond to the questionnaire and, if not, for what reason (ii) how were the recipients selected (b) what is the information to be used for (c) for what reason does the minister feel that such a study was necessary (d) will the information gathered be used in designing an advertising campaign?

2. What was the total cost of the study?

3. Will the results be made public and, if so, on what date?

4. Has the department undertaken other studies and, if so (a) what was the subject in each case (b) what was the estimated total cost?

Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Secretary of State for External Affairs): 1. (a) The questionnaire was prepared in October, 1980, at the request of the Secretary of State for External Affairs. (i) Respondents were asked to reply by November 12, 1980. In some cases, this was not more than six days. It was felt that a deadline was required to urge as quick a response as possible. Nevertheless, responses received after the November 12 deadline were accepted. (ii) Recipients were selected as representative public opinion leaders across the country.

(b) and (c) The information gathered will serve to increase and broaden the Secretary of State for External Affairs' and the department's awareness of public attitudes and ideas on foreign aid. The SSEA feels it is important to consult with the public about this at a time when relations with developing countries are gaining increased importance in Canadian foreign policy as well as in world affairs.

(d) The intention was not to use the results of this survey to design an advertising campaign.

2. \$4,500.

3. The results will be made available to the public upon request after November 12, 1981.

4. Yes. The department undertook in 1978-79, a study entitled: "Canadian Public Awareness of World Affairs and Foreign Policy Issues". The report was published in 1980. The estimated cost was \$20,000. In addition, CIDA has undertaken in 1980 a related study on "Canadian Attitude Towards Foreign Aid".

TRANSPORTATION SUBSIDIES ON NEWFOUNDLAND TRAFFIC

Question No. 1,932—**Mr. Herbert:**

1. What was the cost in the last year for which information is available, of government transportation subsidies on Newfoundland traffic?

2. Do the costs include losses incurred by the Canadian National Railway and, if not, what was the cost to the Railway?

3. What are the estimated costs for the current fiscal year?

Mr. Robert Bockstael (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): In so far as the Canadian Transport Commission is concerned, the following information is provided in relation to payments under the Atlantic region freight assistance program.