

Orders for Returns

The statistics below clearly indicate the program's growing popularity with children—and their parents: (a) 1984—557,782; (b) 1985—597,000; (c) 1986—664,591; (d) 1987—775,351.

PERCHLORETHYLENE TESTS

Question No. 333—**Mr. Caccia:**

1. Does the Government test olive oil, chocolate and cocoa products for perchlorethylene content and, if so (a) with what frequency are such tests conducted (b) what are the dates of the three most recent tests (c) who conducts such tests?
2. To the knowledge of the Government, is there a permissible level of perchlorethylene, in Canada and the United States, for olive oil, chocolate and cocoa products and, if so (a) were such levels ever exceeded and, if so (i) when (ii) by whom (b) what action is taken when permissible levels are exceeded?

Hon. Jake Epp (Minister of National Health and Welfare):

1. (a) (b) and (c) The Health Protection Branch is not testing olive oil, chocolate and cocoa products for perchlorethylene content. Analyses conducted in April, 1988, by the United States Food and Drug Administration, have all been negative. Staff of the Health Protection Branch are regularly in contact with the Food and Drug Administration officials and will be informed if any positive results are found.

2. (a) (i) (ii) and (b) There are no permissible levels for perchlorethylene in food in Canada or in the United States.

[English]

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): The questions as enumerated by the Parliamentary Secretary have been answered.

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QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURN

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, if Questions Nos. 273 and 308 could be made Orders for Returns, these returns would be tabled immediately.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): Is it the pleasure of the House that Questions Nos. 273 and 308 be deemed to have been made Orders for Return?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

[Text]

GRANTS BY DEPARTMENT OF SECRETARY OF STATE

Question No. 273—**Mr. Redway:**

Since September 4, 1984, did the Department of the Secretary of State make grants and/or loans to persons or corporations, non-governmental organizations and governments within Metropolitan Toronto and, if so, to which ones and, in each case, in what amount and for what purpose?

Return tabled.

GRANTS FOR HIGHWAY UPGRADING AND CONSTRUCTION

Question No. 308—**Mr. Epp (Thunder Bay—Nipigon):**

For (a) 1980 (b) 1981 (c) 1982 (d) 1983 (e) 1984 (f) 1985 (g) 1986 (h) 1987, did the Government spend money on joint projects with provincial Governments for highway upgrading and construction and, if so, by Province, (i) on which dates (ii) in what amounts?

Return tabled.

[English]

Mr. Hawkes: I would ask that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

AIR CANADA PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

The House resumed from Thursday, May 26, consideration of the motion of Mr. Mazankowski that Bill C-129, an Act to provide for the continuance of Air Canada under the Canada Business Corporations Act and for the issuance and sale of shares thereof to the public, be read the second time and referred to a legislative committee.

Mr. John McDermid (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister for International Trade): Madam Speaker, I am pleased to join in this debate for a number of reasons. First, the constituency of Brampton—Georgetown is adjacent to Toronto International Airport. Therefore there are a great many employees from Air Canada who live in my constituency. Over the years these employees have made representations to me, as have various committees that have been formed by the staff and the unions, to discuss the issue of the privatization of Air Canada. Members of the union leadership have been into my office to discuss the privatization of Air Canada. They have expressed concern with respect to it. However, many of the workers who have come in to see me or who have met me on the street in my riding have informed me that in no uncertain terms they are very pleased with the actions of the Government in proceeding with the privatization of Air Canada under Bill C-129 which we are debating today.

I must say that I am very pleased at the action that the Government has taken as well. I think most Members in the House would agree that as Members of Parliament we do a fair amount of travelling and that we have the opportunity to travel on many airlines throughout the world. In my capacity as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources and now in my capacity as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for International Trade I have had the pleasure of representing Canada around the world. I consider it a privilege to be able to travel on many airlines.