

Question of Privilege

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The ruling I have made on the motion presented by the hon. member for Edmonton-Strathcona must apply to the matter now raised by the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre. My suggestion was not that the minister had given an adequate reply; I made no reference to this. My ruling was simply that this subject was raised and questions about it posed on a number of occasions by the hon. member for Vancouver East, by the right hon. Leader of the Opposition and by the hon. member for Halifax (Mr. Forrestall). So the matter itself is not a new matter.

Mr. Churchill: Mr. Speaker, may I raise this point of order with you. At what stage in the proceedings of this house may I lay a charge against the minister for misleading the house when he said that the admiral deleted from his original text "two or three references", etc? I found out yesterday at noon that it was not the admiral who made the deletions but the minister, and the deletions were four pages of text. When can I raise that issue, Mr. Speaker? Can I raise it now? When is the earliest opportunity? I submit that it is today.

Mr. Hellyer: That is false.

Mr. Speaker: The Chair cannot enter into argument with the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre. I think he should not ask questions of the Chair, because that is not proper procedure in the house. I cannot answer these questions theoretically, in an abstract manner, the way they are being asked at the present time.

Mr. Churchill: Then I give notice, Mr. Speaker, that I will raise this question at the earliest opportunity, which will be tomorrow.

Mr. Forrestall: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: I wonder whether the hon. member would co-operate with me. The hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre has now raised a different matter. We may go through all this again tomorrow, though I hope not.

Mr. Forrestall: We will.

Mr. Speaker: Quite possibly. But once again a ruling has been rendered, and I would now like to proceed with the ordinary business of the house.

Mr. Jack McIntosh (Swift Current-Maple Creek): Mr. Speaker, I wish to co-operate [Mr. Speaker.]

with Your Honour but my point is similar to the point raised by the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre. I think the ruling that you made was correct when you ruled that anything the admiral said was admissible. But as I understand the explanation of this, a charge has been made in connection with something the admiral did not say and why he did not say it, which I think is an altogether different question. One question is what he did say and the other is what he did not say. I think your ruling could stand but that you could also accept the motion of the hon. member for Edmonton.

Mr. Speaker: I am afraid that this is a little too complex for my limited understanding.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

EXPROPRIATION OF QUEBEC LAND FOR HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Question No. 1,518—**Mr. Bell (Carleton):**

1. Has any request been received from the government of Quebec for assistance in expropriation of lands for the construction and improvement of Quebec highway number 8?

2. If so, what is the nature of such request and what action has been taken thereon?

3. If not, has the government taken note of published reports of statements by the premier of Quebec that the National Capital Commission should handle these expropriations?

4. If it has, what action has been taken to verify these reports and with what result?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works): 1. Yes.

2. The request was that the federal government participate with the Quebec government in the relocation of that section of highway number 8 from the Gatineau river to 1½ miles east of the town limits of Aylmer and the construction of the highway to free-way standards as proposed in the Ottawa-Hull area transportation study of 1965. The work will involve expropriation of land by the federal government. Negotiations as to the extent of sharing are proceeding. An agreement has not as yet been signed.

3. Not applicable.

4. Not applicable.

PER CAPITA HOUSING INVESTMENT

Question No. 1,618—**Mr. Orlikow:**

1. For the last year for which figures are available, what was the total per capita investment in housing for the people of Canada?