

Order Paper Questions

(forecast), (b) \$96,728.36, (c) Hon. Michael Starr—fees \$9,450., Hon. Mitchell Sharp—nil.

2. The research and support staff who worked in the preparation of the study may be found listed on pages 11 to 13 of the report.

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[Translation]

QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

Mr. John Evans (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, if question No. 507 could be made an order for return, that return would be tabled immediately.

Mr. Speaker: The questions enumerated by the Parliamentary Secretary have been answered. Is it the pleasure of the House that question No. 507 be deemed to have been made an order for return?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

[Text]

PUBLICATION "NATIONAL DRUG INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES
1982"

Question No. 507—Mr. Hnatyshyn:

1. Was a publication, entitled "National Drug Intelligence Estimates 1982" printed and distributed by or for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and, if so, at what total cost?

2. Did Quorum Graphics provide any services with respect to this publication and, if so (a) what were they (b) at what cost?

3. To what individuals, groups and organizations was the publication distributed?

Return tabled.

[English]

Mr. Evans: I would ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Robinson (Burnaby): Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Evans) could inform us of the reason for the delay in the responses to Questions Nos. 664 to 676 which are on the Order Paper. These are questions which have been put in the name of the Hon. Member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) and have been on the Order Paper since February of this year. They relate to pension funds. I think it would certainly be most appropriate that answers to those questions be tabled before the House rises because, as Hon. Members know, the Hon. Member for Winnipeg North Centre will not return to the House in his capacity as a Member. I would ask the Parliamentary Secretary to take that under advisement.

As well, I would ask about the current status of the response to Question No. 835, which stands in the name of the Hon. Member for Vancouver East (Ms. Mitchell) and deals with contributions by the Department of National Health and

Welfare under the Canada Assistance Plan to the Province of British Columbia for social assistance and various social services which, as we know, have been squandered on megaprojects and not utilized for the benefit of the people of British Columbia.

Mr. Evans: Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member can be assured that I will look into these matters and see if we cannot have expeditious answers to those questions. It is not that any Member is more equal than others, but we will look into this matter especially in the case of the Hon. Member for Winnipeg North Centre.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

CANADIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE ACT

MEASURE TO ESTABLISH

The House resumed consideration of Bill C-9, an Act to establish the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, to enact an Act respecting enforcement in relation to certain security and related offences and to amend certain Acts in consequence thereof or in relation thereto, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs; and Motion No. 1 (Mr. Robinson) (Burnaby).

Mr. Speaker: The Chair is prepared to make a decision on matters outstanding on a point of order. Before I rule on the preliminary statement I gave the House on June 12, I wish to thank Hon. Members who gave me the benefit of their thoughts. I also wish to make some observations on report stage of Bills.

Report stage of a public Bill in our procedure is a very important stage. It offers the whole House an opportunity to reconsider what has taken place in committee. I think I should underline that report stage is not a repetition of the committee stage nor is it a repetition of the second reading stage when a Bill is considered in principle. The House is not considering clauses in principle. The House is addressing specific amendments to the Bill which may or may not have been discussed at the committee stage.

I also wish to remind Hon. Members of the Speaker's role in relation to report stage, for nowhere in our Standing Orders is the Speaker's discretion so absolute. The Speaker has power to select motions in amendment; that means he can choose certain motions or choose not to put certain motions to the House. This power of selection has never been exercised by the Chair, probably because the number of amendments filed at report stage has been relatively small in number in the past. If amendments at report stage are to be as numerous as they