

RESEARCH

REQUEST FOR ANNOUNCEMENT OF
SCIENCE POLICY

Mr. J. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the President of the Treasury Board. Since a number of government officials in recent days have been making statements, many of which conflict with one another, about science policy I wonder if the minister will promise to make a statement on motions before the end of the session on the general science policy of the government?

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, when a suitable occasion presents itself I will be glad to do so. I may say now that I am encouraged, as I am sure the hon. gentleman is, in the interest being shown in science policy and the general debate going on.

Mr. Broadbent: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Will the minister also inform the house whether the task force looking into the government's research development program has completed its work?

Mr. Drury: Mr. Speaker, I think the hon. member's question is related to a question on the order paper. A task force within the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce is looking into the research programs of that department. I understand the work of the task force is not yet completed.

Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary question to the President of the Treasury Board. In answering a question just now he said he would make a statement when a suitable opportunity presents itself. Is any change in science policy being considered? Will there be an announcement with respect to responsibility for science policy?

Mr. Drury: Mr. Speaker, we are reviewing our structures now in order that we may determine an adequate science policy. If changes are to be made they will be announced in due course.

PUBLIC SERVICE

APPOINTMENT OF MR. JOLLIFFE TO STAFF
RELATIONS BOARD

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question

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to the Prime Minister, and ask if the recent selection of E. B. Jolliffe as chief adjudicator of the Public Service Staff Relations Board was based, as has been suggested in the June 4 issue of the Union of Defence Employees Information Bulletin, on the C.C.F. and N.D.P. background Mr. Jolliffe shares with the Prime Minister?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Speaker: Order please. The hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre.

PARLIAMENT OF CANADA

DISCLOSURE OF POSSIBLE CONFLICT IN
FINANCIAL INTERESTS

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. I shall try to word it in such a way that it will not sound charged, because the question relates to an important matter of public policy. Since it seems to be possible for one and the same person to be a director of 25 companies and also chairman of the Banking and Commerce Committee of the other place, is the government considering the introduction of legislation which would require members of the other place, as well as this place and certain other senior public officials, to disclose to the public their financial interests and outside income sources?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the importance of the question and I appreciate the way it was worded. To make sure that there will be no conflicts of interest in the exercise of the functions of members of the House of Commons or of the other place, I said a few months ago, either when answering a question in the house or at a press conference, that the government has the whole question of conflicts of interest under study. During the course of the summer I think we will be able to arrive at some view as to what reforms might be made in the Senate and House of Commons Act and in other statutes to ensure that this problem is dealt with in a satisfactory manner. In the meantime if members of the other parties in the house have constructive suggestions to make, I will be interested to hear them.