

Order Paper Questions

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

CANADA ELECTIONS ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND WITH RESPECT TO VOTING HOURS

Mr. David Kilgour (Edmonton-Strathcona) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-626, to amend the Canada Elections Act.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Kilgour: Madam Speaker, this bill would provide that the time for voting in elections be adjusted in such a way that the people in the west see their votes count as much as those of anyone else in the country.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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EXCISE TAX ACT AND EXCISE ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-57, to amend the Excise Tax Act and the Excise Act and to provide for a revenue tax in respect of petroleum and gas.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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[Translation]

CANADA ELECTIONS ACT

AMENDMENT TO SHORTEN PERIOD REQUIRED TO HOLD ELECTIONS

Hon. Yvon Pinard (President of the Privy Council) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-58, to amend the Canada Elections Act.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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[English]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. D. M. Collenette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 1,613, 1,783, 1,809, 1,810, 1,816 and 1,835.

[Text]

FEDERAL IDENTITY PROGRAM

Question No. 1,613—**Mr. Forrestall:**

What was the total amount spent by each department and agency under the Federal Identity Program for interior and exterior signs during the fiscal year (a) 1978-79 (b) 1979-80 (c) 1980-81 (estimate) and, in each case, how many signs were purchased?

Hon. Donald J. Johnston (President of the Treasury Board): The Federal Identity Program sets out the policy and the design standards which must apply to signs installed by all federal government organizations. Government-wide data has not been maintained to date on the number of signs employed by the government or on the costs of all signs installed by government organizations. Signage costs are normally included in over-all relocation costs. However, an inventory of signs used at buildings owned or managed by Public Works is now being conducted. The following data is now available with respect to costs: bilingual signage conversion program. In January, 1975, a signage conversion program estimated at \$21.4 million over four fiscal years (FY 1975/76 to FY 1978/79) was approved for the purpose of ensuring conformity to the Official Languages Act of all signage owned or managed by the Department of Public Works. The Federal Identity Program sets out the standards under which government signage conforms to the Official Languages Act and policies pursuant to it. The actual cost of procuring the signs for this program, however, was \$11.4 million over five fiscal years. Costs and numbers of signs procured for the last three fiscal years have been as follows:

| | | Costs | Numbers of signs |
|----|-------|-------------|------------------|
| FY | 78-79 | \$2,912,520 | 3,142 |
| | 79-80 | \$ 267,434 | 1,098 |
| | 80-81 | \$ 377,169 | 858 |

Addition of the "Canada" wordmark. In September, 1980, a new Federal Identity Program policy was approved by Treasury Board calling for the addition of the "Canada" wordmark to government signage. The purpose of the policy is to provide clear and consistent identification of all government facilities and services. The cost of implementing the policy, including the upgrading and improved maintenance of government signage in general, is estimated at \$1.6 million in fiscal year 1980-81.

ADVERTISING EXPENDITURES

Question No. 1,783—**Mr. Stevens:**

For the current fiscal year, what are the estimated expenditures of Teleglobe Canada for (a) advertising (b) free or subsidized publications (c) other information conveyed to the public?

Mr. Peter Stollery (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State and Minister of Communications): I am informed by Teleglobe Canada that the reply to the above question is as follows:

- Advertising: \$930,000.
- Free or subsidized publications—\$90,000. This includes a number of brochures distributed free of charge to the