

Oral Questions

put an end to his systematic patronage with respect to farm loans?

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): What I do know, Mr. Speaker, is that we have asked that everyone be considered as being qualified in such circumstances, including those who had been systematically turned down for 25 years. That is all. Everybody is on the list, including those who were never given a change in 25 years. Decisions have been made accordingly.

ALLEGED GOVERNMENT NEPOTISM

Hon. Jean Lapierre (Shefford): Well now, Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister is talking about 132 names out of 3,000 notaries in Quebec. In my opinion, it takes an awful lot of nerve to try to have us swallow such bullshit.

Mr. Speaker, how can the Prime Minister justify a case of nepotism where the two brothers of the Hon. Member for Mégantic-Compton-Stanstead had also been left out? How can he justify the case of the brother-in-law of the Minister of Finance, and now the brothers of some Members who are feeding at the pork barrel?

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I fail to understand why the Hon. Member would level such serious accusations at me personally. Indeed, I read in today's *La Presse* that Ontario Liberal Leader David Peterson said that "Mulroney is the most extraordinary man I have ever known". So why is the Hon. Member being so harsh with me?

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[English]

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

PRAIRIE WILDLIFE INTERPRETATION CENTRE

Mr. Geoff Wilson (Swift Current-Maple Creek): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of the Environment. On March 13 an announcement was made to the effect that the Prairie Wildlife Interpretation Centre near Webb, Saskatchewan, would carry on, and further that an announcement of the group who would be operating it would be made by the end of March.

In view of the fact that it is now April 22, that the Wildlife Centre generally opens to the public in mid May and a number of school groups are anxious to plan visits, would the Minister indicate to the House who will be operating the centre and when we can expect it to open?

[Translation]

Hon. Suzanne Blais-Grenier (Minister of the Environment): Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague for his question. I wish to advise the House that we have received four offers of people who want to operate the Wildlife Interpretation Centre near Webb. The delay is due to the fact that we received this

morning a fifth offer from the Wildlife Canadian Federation, a provincial group based in Saskatchewan, and we hope to make a decision very shortly.

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[English]

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

INTRODUCTION OF NEW GUIDELINES

Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. Earlier in Question Period the Minister of Supply and Services said that as soon as his Party came into government new guidelines were introduced. When the Prime Minister was answering questions from the Opposition, he said that he had been forced to use guidelines from the previous Government and that they are inadequate. Could he tell the House, in terms of the Lawson Murray affair, exactly when he brought in the new guidelines he was referring to in Question Period?

Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of Supply and Services): Mr. Speaker, certainly it was my intention and I believe I did say that we started working on new guidelines. We inherited a set of Treasury Board guidelines with which we complied absolutely, but immediately saw their deficiencies. We started working on new guidelines. A communications committee of Cabinet was established and we have, in effect, put guidelines in place because Ministers have been asked to comply with them, even though they are not as yet printed but within days will be printed and put in the Treasury Board policy manuals. As I have indicated, we are following them now.

TIMING OF INTRODUCTION

Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is directed to the Prime Minister. Will he clarify exactly what date these new guidelines came into effect? Was it before or after the Wilson affair?

Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of Supply and Services): Mr. Speaker, I believe that this is the third time that I indicated we started working on new guidelines as soon as we came into office and had an opportunity to examine the circumstances.

An Hon. Member: When did they come into effect?

Mr. Andre: The new guidelines, a couple of months ago, were circulated to Ministers to tell them of their thrust.

I described them orally in the House in January. The direction we were taking is in *Hansard*, if you want to examine it. The actual material for the Treasury Board policy handbook has yet to receive the last few steps of the administrative process. However, as I described in the House in January, in essence they have been in effect since then.