

Point of Order—Mr. McGrath

MR. HEAP—TESTING OF CRUISE MISSILES ON CANADIAN SOIL

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition from the residents of the city of Toronto requesting Parliament to call upon the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) to refuse to allow the testing of Cruise missiles on Canadian soil.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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THE LATE IGOR GOUZENKO

Hon. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Madam Speaker, on a point of order, further to what the Solicitor General (Mr. Kaplan) has said I think the House should know that the death of Igor Gouzenko has in fact taken place. I would hope that the government, at a suitable occasion, will pay a tribute to Mr. Gouzenko, perhaps by awarding posthumously the Order of Canada in recognition of the risks he has taken.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Madam Speaker: That is not a point of order.

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MR. McGRATH—REMARKS OF MR. COSGROVE RESPECTING BILL C-89

Hon. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Madam Speaker, I hope you will entertain this as a point of order because I believe it does speak to the issue of order in the House. On a number of occasions the Minister of Public Works (Mr. Cosgrove), who is responsible for housing, during the course of the question period has accused the opposition of delaying Bill C-89 by four months.

Some hon. Members: Order!

Mr. McGrath: That was the subject of a point of order on two or three previous occasions when we sought to correct the record. We tried to point out, by way of a point of order, that the minister was—

Madam Speaker: Order. I think the hon. member knows that I cannot entertain this as a point of order. It is really a point of debate. Hon. members on both sides probably have different opinions about these particular circumstances, but it is debate, and I do ask the hon. member not to insist on raising it as a point of order, if he is interested in keeping order in the House.

Mr. McGrath: Madam Speaker, could I ask for your guidance? If the minister persists in saying that we did something which we say we did not, then that obviously creates a disorder in the House. If the minister insists on doing that, I

have the right to question whether or not the minister is, in fact, deliberately misleading the House.

Some hon. Members: Order!

Madam Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member is asking for my guidance. I do not think he needs it. He knows he can take the occasion, when he is making a speech or when he is asking questions again in the House, which he does very often, to try to elucidate those points; but he certainly cannot convince me that it is a point of order.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 3,751, 4,107 and 4,271.

[Text]

RCMP POLICING ARRANGEMENTS WITH NOVA SCOTIA

Question No. 3,751—**Mr. MacKay:**

1. Were contractual arrangements made between the government and the province of Nova Scotia for the policing of that province by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police affected by the withdrawal of services of other police forces and the consequent supplying of emergency policing by the RCMP and, if so, in what respect?

2. Under whose authority and by whom are invoices sent for the services rendered by the RCMP where other police forces have withdrawn their services?

3. Were the invoices paid in full?

4. During the past five years in Nova Scotia, in what instances did city, town or municipal police withdraw their services resulting in RCMP involvement and, in each case, what was the cost of the RCMP services and the amount paid?

Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General): 1. No. As all contracts for provincial policing services are required to be tabled pursuant to Section 20(3) of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act, they are therefore public documents.

2. Such invoices are forwarded to the Attorney General by the Chief Financial Officer under authority of Sections 12, 13 and 14 of the Provincial Policing Agreement.

3. Yes.

4. Westville from June 9, 1978 to October 17, 1978, New Waterford from July 5, 1978 to July 8, 1978, Truro from October 19, 1979 to October 24, 1979, New Glasgow from October 18, 1979 to October 25, 1979, Amherst from October 22, 1979 to October 25, 1979, Trenton from September 11, 1980 to November 14, 1980, and Halifax from May 29, 1981 to July 23, 1981. The cost of performing emergency police services at the aforementioned municipalities is unknown as all such costs were incorporated in the over-all provincial policing invoices sent to the province in the respective year.