

Order Paper Questions

(c) Constituency staff

Names	Titles	Salary ranges
Olive Bowen	Special Assistant	\$18,644—\$29,850
Melody Goodwin	Member's Assistant	\$11,177—\$27,550
Leonard Reid	Member's Assistant	\$11,177—\$27,550

NATIONAL FILM BOARD

Question No. 275—**Mr. de Corneille:**

Is the Department of Communications presently re-organizing the offices of the National Film Board throughout Canada and, if so (a) which offices will (i) be closed (ii) remain open (b) at what date in each case (c) how many persons will lose their jobs?

Hon. Marcel Masse (Minister of Communications): The NFB's new mandate calls for several changes in its production and distribution activities and the reallocation of internal resources. This includes the gradual consolidation of its library-distribution system into larger regional centres and an increased emphasis on having its productions delivered via new distribution and exhibition modes.

Greater reliance on the new delivery technologies, as well as gains in efficiency and quality of service resulting from consolidation will mean better service to users and a more vital contribution, by the NFB, to Canadian cultural and social life.

The NFB's finalized five-year operational plan outlining how the Board plans to implement these, and other changes has not been completed.

RESEARCH INTO USE OF BACILLUS THURINGIENSIS

Question No. 284—**Mr. Caccia:**

Is the research on the use of *Bacillus Thuringiensis* as an alternative to chemical product spraying to destroy the spruce budworm, being transferred from the Laurentian Forest Research Centre in Sainte-Foy, Quebec to the Forest Pest Management Institute in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario and, if so, for what reason?

Hon. Gerald S. Merrithew (Minister of State (Forestry)):
No.

[Translation]

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

Mr. Speaker: The questions enumerated by the Parliamentary Secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

MEAT INSPECTION ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Miss MacDonald (for the Minister of Agriculture) that Bill C-33, an Act respecting the import and export of and interprovincial trade in meat products, the registration of establishments, the inspection of animals and meat products in registered establishments and the standards for those establishments and for animals slaughtered and meat products prepared in those establishments, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Speaker: I should indicate to the House that there are nine minutes remaining in the question and comment period following the speech by the Hon. Minister of State for the Canadian Wheat Board (Mr. Mayer). Therefore, I will recognize Members for further questions and comments.

Mr. Hovdebo: Mr. Speaker, first I want to apologize to the Minister for keeping him here because I am sure that he has other things to do.

Since this is a Bill which will establish a new Act, there will be new regulations which may affect the long established regulations concerning the procedures for hiring veterinarians as for the pre-inspection as well as the post-inspection of slaughters. Are there any guarantees that those procedures will be maintained in the new regulations, because this Bill provides an opportunity to change the whole structure of the inspection process?

Mr. Mayer: Mr. Speaker, essentially, I can answer the question in the affirmative. My understanding of the legislation is that there is no intent to change hiring practices.

If the Hon. Member wants to compare Section 6 of the old Bill with Clause 12 of this Bill, he will see that they are essentially the same except for one difference. Clause 12(3) states that the Minister may designate any person as an analyst for the purposes of this Act. That is the only real difference.

I am told that the reason for Clause 12(3) is that in the past, when issues affecting this subject went to court, it would have been useful if the Minister could have designated someone as an analyst to act on behalf of the Crown as far as court proceedings are concerned.

In answer to the Hon. Member, there will be no changes, as I understand, to the hiring practices that are presently in place, with the exception that the Bill provides for someone to be designated as an analyst when there is deemed to be a need for an analyst.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): Questions or comments? Resuming debate.