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ANTI-SMOKING ADVERTISING

Mr. Michel Bellehumeur (Berthier—Montcalm): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Health.

The government is about to launch a \$185 million program over three years to combat tobacco product use. Out of this amount, \$55 million will be spent on an anti-smoking ad blitz. Can the Minister of Health confirm that the government intends to spend \$55 million on an anti-smoking ad campaign, when studies have clearly shown that previous campaigns have only had a minimum impact on cigarette use, especially among teenagers?

[English]

Hon. Diane Marleau (Minister of Health): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to stand today and speak to the tobacco reduction strategy.

The numbers that have been presented have been a tentative outline of some of the things we might consider. We are and continue to work with anti-smoking groups, groups such as the cancer society, and provincial governments to ensure that these dollars are effectively used and that they do stamp out smoking. One of the particularly good things about this strategy is that it is being funded by a surtax on the profits of large tobacco manufacturers.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Mr. Jack Ramsay (Crowfoot): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Solicitor General.

Rod Stamler, a former assistant commissioner of the RCMP has alleged that the Mulroney government interfered with RCMP investigations into political corruption within the federal government.

Mr. Stamler has detailed these and other serious allegations in a recently published book and during public appearances on radio and television.

What action is the Solicitor General taking to look into these very serious allegations?

Hon. Herb Gray (Leader of the Government in the House of Commons and Solicitor General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, first of all I am going to read the book that the allegations are based on which have been reported in the press.

In the meantime if anyone has any direct evidence of wrongdoing on which the police should act I think it should be brought to the attention of the proper authorities.

Speaker's Ruling

POINTS OF ORDER

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS—SPEAKER'S RULING

The Speaker: My colleagues, I have notice of two points of order today. Before I take these points of order I want to make a ruling on a matter that came up.

Earlier today the Parliamentary Secretary to the Leader of the Government in the House of Commons raised a point of order regarding the decision not to print in *Votes and Proceedings* the full text of the Senate amendments to Bill C-18, an act to suspend the operation of the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act.

The hon. member raised a valid point in explaining the difficulties in obtaining the text of these amendments from sources other than House of Commons publications.

Procedural Services may have interpreted too broadly a recent decision of the Board of Internal Economy and the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs to no longer print in *Votes and Proceedings* the text that daily appears in other parliamentary publications.

While the reason behind this decision was to realize reductions in printing costs and eliminate the duplication of printing, after due consideration it would seem appropriate to return to the previous practice of printing the full text in *Votes and Proceedings* of Senate messages, including those concerning amendments to bills.

[Translation]

Perhaps the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs should review this practice as part of its on-going mandate. Accordingly, the full text of the Senate amendments to Bill C-18 will be printed as a corrigendum in today's *Votes and Proceedings*.

[English]

I will now hear a point of order from the member for Calgary Southeast.

OFFICIAL REPORT

Mrs. Jan Brown (Calgary Southeast): Mr. Speaker, I would like to correct the record. During the debate on Bill C-26 on Friday, May 27, 1994 I said that I would bring forward a motion to the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage to reduce the National Library's appropriation by the amount that the director general of corporate policy and planning stated the bill would save the Library.

The figure that I mentioned was \$300,000. The correct figure is approximately \$100,000.

The Speaker: It is on the record but it is not a point of order. It would be a point of information to the House and it could be done by other means.

I will listen to a point of order from the member for Frontenac.