

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for the Government House Leader to table the documents?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member for Saint-Denis (Mr. Prud'homme).

● (1520)

Mr. Marcel Prud'homme (Saint-Denis): I listened very attentively to the Hon. Minister. I am sure that my interest in foreign affairs is well known. The Minister said that he is ready to consider proposals made by the hon. representative of the NDP. He said that he will look into them and come to an agreement. Is it possible that the Minister would now consider amending his proposal and tabling it tomorrow? In that way there would be unanimous consent of all interested parties.

I listened very attentively to the representation of the representative of the New Democratic Party. He made a very sensible proposal. The Government House Leader has answered in a very sensible way. He is an old Member of the House in terms of tenure. Would it be possible that, after quick consultation, he would return tomorrow so that we will all know exactly where we stand on this matter?

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Mr. Speaker, the matter was discussed between the House Leaders. I am in your hands, of course. However, the specific terms of reference had been agreed upon, as had the procedure to be followed today. The Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans) raises a question which I take very seriously. We will want to resolve this matter. It has been in the interest of us all to work out a sensible arrangement because we will all be faced with some pressure owing to the fact that this committee will be sitting in the summer months.

As I have indicated to the House, we want to continue with the core. It is important to specify the people who will give leadership to this committee. We will, of course, be prepared to sit down and work out an arrangement between the Parties. I have given a commitment to sit down with the House Leader of the distinguished Member's Party. We will be able to work out a solution that is agreeable to all Parties.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The House has heard the motion. Does the House agree to the motion of the Government House Leader?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Prud'homme: Reluctantly.
Motion agreed to.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Order Paper Questions

Mr. Paul Dick (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 279 and 280.

[Text]

UNESCORTED TEMPORARY ABSENCES

Question No. 279—**Mr. Stackhouse:**

1. In 1984, how many inmates of federal penal institutions were allowed unescorted temporary absences and how many were (a) parole violators (b) convicted of (i) murder (ii) manslaughter (iii) armed robbery?

2. How many were convicted of crimes committed while on absence?

Hon. Elmer M. MacKay (Solicitor General of Canada): 1. There were 3920 inmates who received unescorted temporary absences in 1984. (a) 563. (b) (i) 111, (ii) 185, (iii) 831.

2. Data on inmates convicted of crimes committed while on any form of leave from the institution does not currently exist in the Offender Information System.

CRIMES COMMITTED WHILE ON UNESCORTED TEMPORARY ABSENCES

Question No. 280—**Mr. Stackhouse:**

Of the 3,116 inmates of federal penal institutions allowed unescorted temporary absences in 1983, how many were convicted of crimes committed while on absence?

Hon. Elmer M. MacKay (Solicitor General of Canada): Data on inmates convicted of crimes committed while on any form of leave from the institution does not currently exist in the Offender Information System.

[Translation]

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

[English]

Mr. Nickerson: Mr. Speaker, I would like to inquire once again of the Parliamentary Secretary as to when an answer to question No. 86 asked on November 15, 1984 might be forthcoming. This question deals with PCBs at abandoned DEW line sites. I know from private conversations with DND and DIAND personnel that this information is available. Is it just that this particular question has been forgotten about?

Mr. Dick: By no means, Mr. Speaker. I want to assure the Hon. Member that this extremely important question will be answered very soon.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The questions as enumerated by the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Shall all notices of motions be allowed to stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.