

whether the rate was right or wrong, it was guaranteed. When the new legislation is introduced with respect to the Crow rates, may I ask the Prime Minister if it will ensure that whatever the changes are, they will be made according to statute, that changes will not be manipulated by order in council, and that farmers will have a guarantee of some rate, either fixed or by formula, so that they will know what their costs of transportation are going to be, and that those facts are predictable?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Madam Speaker, that is not a question; that is a representation.

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#### ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

##### QUERY RESPECTING RECOVERY OF MONEYS PAID TO CONVICTED MURDERER, CLIFFORD OLSON

**Hon. Allan Lawrence (Durham-Northumberland):** Madam Speaker, may I put a question to the Minister of Justice. For two days he has been meeting with provincial Attorneys General. Last week the British Columbia Attorney General, Allan Williams, indicated that during those meetings he would be discussing the question of the recovery of the \$90,000 which the RCMP paid at the request of Clifford Olson, and of the \$10,000 that is presumably still being held in trust in Canada. Did these discussions about the recovery of the Olson moneys take place and, if so, what was the result of them?

**Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada):** Madam Speaker, that was one of the subjects I discussed with the Attorney General of British Columbia yesterday. I had already sent him a copy of my answer in this House to a question by one of the Hon. Member's colleagues. At that time I explained that, since the initial decision to pay was made by the Attorney General of British Columbia, any decision to recover the money should also be his. I understand that the Attorney General of British Columbia hopes to make a final decision on that matter in the relatively near future.

##### RESPONSIBILITY FOR RECOVERY

**Hon. Allan Lawrence (Durham-Northumberland):** Madam Speaker, last week the British Columbia Attorney General, Allan Williams, expressed surprise that the federal Minister of Justice had attempted to put the onus—as he just did today again—on British Columbia to recover these moneys because retrieving these moneys, and I quote directly from the Attorney General, has been “under consideration ever since it started. It involves the Department of Justice federally—”

Why has the federal Minister of Justice attempted to leave the impression just to the contrary of the views of Mr. Williams? If the federal Department has been involved with

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discussions ever since they started, why has he attempted to put that onus on the British Columbia Attorney General?

**Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada):** Madam Speaker, it may well be that the federal Department of Justice would be involved in an attempt to recover the moneys, if such a decision were made. The decision ought to be made by the Attorney General of British Columbia however, just as the original decision to pay the money was made by the Attorney General of British Columbia without the knowledge of either the Commissioner of the RCMP or the Solicitor General. The Attorney General did not challenge my assertion of that yesterday.

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[Translation]

#### PETITIONS

##### TABLING OF REPORTS OF CLERK OF PETITIONS

**Madam Speaker:** I have the honour to inform the House that the Clerk of the House has laid upon the Table reports of the Clerk of Petitions stating that he has examined the petitions presented by Hon. Members on Tuesday, February 1, 1983 and finds that the petitions meet the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

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#### ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

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##### MR. TAYLOR—OPPOSITION TO BILL C-85

**Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River):** Madam Speaker, in accordance with the wishes of the vast majority of farmers, ranchers and people generally in the Bow River constituency, I am herewith presenting a petition opposing the passage of Bill C-85, an Act to establish a corporation called Canagrex, unless Clause 14, the power to buy and sell, is removed. These 426 signatures represent the wishes of thousands of people in the Bow River riding.

We urge the Government to heed the wishes of the people and humbly pray that Parliament will not pass Bill C-85 in its present form.

[Translation]

##### MR. DENIGER—TELEVISION OF EROTIC SHOWS ON PAY TV

**Mr. Pierre Deniger (La Prairie):** Madam Speaker, I wish to present a petition on behalf of and signed by the following associations in my constituency: Com'femme Inc., Union des familles de Brossard, AFEAS régionale and the Groupe Ma'me Chose, in which the petitioners object to the screening of erotic shows on pay television channels and urge that the