

ELECTORAL REPRESENTATION

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon West): Mr. Speaker, does the Prime Minister not think, when he canvasses his heart of hearts with respect to this weighty decision, that the residents of the other constituencies should have the earliest possible representation in the House of Commons, and that partisan considerations should be the very last of those things which the Prime Minister is going to canvass when he considers whether or not he should call all the by-elections now? The reasonable thing, it seems to me, is to call all the by-elections at one time so the people of Canada in those constituencies will get representation at the earliest possible date.

● (1500)

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I will try to inspire myself with the Hon. Member's lofty feelings on non-partisanship. I would point out to him if there is such urgency, then announcing all the elections on the eighteenth would cause a whole series of by-elections to take place right smack in the middle of the Queen's visit. I know the Hon. Member and his Party have objected to that at previous times. I might just consider calling the by-elections slightly after the Queen's visit, in which case I have at least another month in order to decide when they should be called, and if I have another month then I may as well let my successor do it. Do you follow me?

Mr. Speaker: One short supplementary. The Hon. Member for Peterborough (Mr. Domm).

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CROWN CORPORATIONS

DE HAVILLAND DASH-8 AIRCRAFT—FINANCING OF SALES

Mr. Bill Domm (Peterborough): Mr. Speaker, would the Prime Minister clear up a concern of mine? On April 16 I asked a question of the Minister responsible for de Havilland in this House, and responsible for the CDIC, about whether some interest program might be available in order that de Havilland could sell its aircraft domestically to the aircraft companies that want to buy them. The Minister advised me at that time:

—regulations on domestic and international trade are set under the General Agreements on Tariffs and Trade.

Would the Prime Minister mind clarifying that? Are we not able to sell our own Canadian produced aircraft at de Havilland to Canadian aircraft companies that want to buy them because we are governed by GATT, or is it possible to meet Ireland's terms on interest of 7 per cent, as Senator Austin indicated on *Canada AM* we might be able to do? Who is right—Senator Austin in the other place, or the Minister in this place when he said we cannot compete because of GATT?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I will have to refer to the Hon. Minister's answer as quoted by the Hon. Member. I am not in a position to say that I would

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agree with it, but I would point out to the Hon. Member that if he is suggesting we should sell our aircraft in Canada at a loss, then I think he should lobby among members of his own Party who have been ranting and raving about Canadair's loss, at least since I have been around. If you sell at a loss then you increase the debt. If you increase the debt, then you get the Hon. Member's Party complaining about it. I think they will perhaps have to consider the Hon. Member's question among themselves before addressing it to me.

Mr. Domm: A very short supplementary Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member was already accorded a question.

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PETITIONS

TABLING OF REPORTS OF CLERK OF PETITIONS

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that the petitions presented by Hon. Members on Friday, May 11, 1984, meet the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

AN ACT RESPECTING THE EXECUTION OF CLIFFORD ROBERT OLSON

On the Order: Introduction of Bills:

December 12, 1983—Mr. Taylor—Bill intitled: "An Act respecting the Execution of Clifford Robert Olson".

Mr. Speaker: The Chair has given earnest consideration the admissibility of this Bill and has come to the conclusion that it is not procedurally in order.

According to our practice, there are only two kinds of Bills, Public and Private. Citation 700 of Beauchesne's Fifth Edition explains that:

A public bill relates to matters of public policy while a private bill relates to matters of a particular interest or benefit to a person or persons.

This Bill clearly does not fall within the definition of a Private Bill as it cannot be said to promote the particular interest or benefit of the individual named in it. It can therefore only be a Public Bill although whether the execution of the individual concerned could be described as a matter of public policy may be open to question.

The conclusion of the Chair is that the Bill falls into a special category for which our practice does not provide. Its nature is that of a Bill of Attainder, a proceeding at one time employed by the British Parliament to convict and condemn an individual of a high crime by Act of Parliament. The Bill of