ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

TRANSPORT

PRESENTATION OF TENTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Pierre Deniger (La Prairie): Madam Speaker, I have the honour of tabling the Tenth Report of the Standing Committee on Transport.

[Editor's Note: For above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

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[English]

PETITIONS

MR. OBERLE-UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMANTS

Mr. F. Oberle (Prince George-Peace River): Madam Speaker, it is my duty to present a petition signed by 1,331 residents of Prince George, British Columbia. The petition advances a protest that, by virtue of the work-sharing program recently implemented by the federal government, unemployment insurance claimants who are unable to participate in this program and who are yet allowed to earn only 25 per cent of their weekly benefits without penalty, are unfairly discriminated against. These workers are not only receiving substantially less income than the program beneficiaries, but are penalized if they secure part-time employment of any substantial nature outside the program.

• (1520)

The petitioners hope that in your examination of the petition, Madam Speaker, you will find it in order and that you will exercise the discretionary powers vested in the office of the Speaker of the House of Commons to allow discussion and referral to the appropriate committee at the earliest possible time, in order that inequities arising from an otherwise constructive use of public funds be redressed.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 2,834, 3,616, 3,617, 4,153, and 4,240.

[Text]

NATIONAL MUSEUMS OF CANADA—EDUCATION LEAVE COSTS

Question No. 2,834-Mr. Clarke:

1. With reference to the education leave costs recorded by the Department of the Secretary of State for the National Museums of Canada at page 13.6, volume 1 of the 1979-80 Public Accounts of Canada, what guidelines were used

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to determine (a) which employees should obtain educational leave and whether such employees should be granted (i) leave with pay (ii) travel expenses (iii) payment for tuition (b) whether the skills to be acquired were needed on a permanent basis?

2. What percentage of the education leave cost of \$64,811 was necessitated by the acquisition of new equipment and by the need to have new skills in order to use the equipment?

3. What percentage of the education leave was necessitated by reason of job redundancy because of the (a) acquisition of equipment (b) change in the role of the employing agency (c) change in the capabilities of employees?

4. What percentage of employees granted such leave in the past three years have subsequently left the public service?

Mr. Jack Masters (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Communications): I am informed by the National Museums of Canada as follows:

1. (a) and (b) Please refer to Treasury Board Policy, Personnel Management Manual, chapter 110-5, "Conditions governing education, training and development, including subsidization".

2. While statistical data in National Museums of Canada does not enable us to determine whether education leave costs were necessitated by the acquisition of new equipment requiring new skills from employees, it should be noted in this regard that no high technology equipment requiring special training was acquired by the corporation during the period in question.

3. Nil.

4. Statistical data compiled for the annual training and education review for any given year does not include a review of what educational leave a departing employee may have enjoyed while with the corporation.

CANADA ASSISTANCE PLAN

Ouestion No. 3,616-Mr. Herbert:

Under the Canada Assistance Plan, by province, what is the annual per capita government contribution to day care centres?

Mr. Doug Frith (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Health and Welfare): The following schedule represents, on a per capita basis, the federal contribution under the Canada Assistance Plan, towards the cost of provincial and territorial day care services. The federal contribution to provinces and territories does not represent 50 per cent of all costs incurred by the provinces and territories for day care services, as certain day care programs, clientele and costs are ineligible for cost sharing purposes as determined by the Canada Assistance Plan Act, regulations and guidelines.

1981/82 Canada Assistance Plan Contribution Towards Day Care Services

	Costs	Total Population*	Per Capita
Newfoundland	\$ 300,000	585,000	\$ 0.51
Prince Edward Island	200,000	125,000	1.60
Nova Scotia	2,800,000	857,000	3.27
New Brunswick	400,000	710,000	0.56
Ouebec	10,500,000	6,340,000	1.66
Ontario	23,700,000	8,625,000	2.75
Manitoba	3,500,000	1,055,000	3.32