

have been having some difficulty getting some of the documents. I am trying to get them as fast as I can.

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker, I would think the minister would want to be fair. I think surely I have a point of privilege. I wrote him on July 10, as follows:

Dear Mr. Basford:

The following information was telephoned to me from Toronto.

Then, I referred him to the Supreme Court of Ontario case of Vincent Lapetina, plaintiff, versus ALLprovince Contractors Limited, defendant. The letter continues:

Affidavit sworn and filed dated October 19, 1971. Cross-examination on the affidavit, November 3, 1971, by defendant's counsel Mr. B. Chernos.

I gave the minister that information. He said at that time he would take it to the police.

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INCOME TAX

ALLEGED DISCLOSURE OF IMPROPRIETY BY CONTRACTOR CONNECTED WITH STUDENT CO-OPERATIVE PROJECTS—POSSIBILITY OF CHARGES

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): I have a supplementary question for the Minister of National Revenue. In light of the fact that in connection with a contractor by the name of Murphy there was material allegedly sent to his home and his farm and he made a disclosure to the Department of National Revenue, was there any police investigation, this being something improper so far as the Income Tax Act is concerned, and were any charges contemplated against the contractor in that regard?

Hon. Robert Stanbury (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, when the hon. member mentioned some tax implications in this case, I think it was yesterday in the House, I asked my officials in taxation for a report. I will be glad to tell him what I can when I have that report.

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT POLICY

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the right hon. Prime Minister who, quite inadvertently I am sure, omitted to answer the question a few moments ago about conflict of interest. I have asked the right hon. gentleman a number of times myself when he is going to make a statement in the House with regard to the government's position on conflict of interest. Can the Prime Minister tell us today when we may expect such a statement?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I can answer that but I am not quite sure what the Leader of the Opposition said I omitted in my answer. Could he please clarify that?

Oral Questions

Mr. Stanfield: I do not want to take the time of the House, but the Prime Minister was asked a moment ago when he was going to make his statement with regard to conflict of interest. If he did not hear it, I am asking him now to make a statement with regard to that matter.

Mr. Hees: On your feet, boy.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Hees: That is about as close as you ever came to answering the question.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I am seeking the co-operation of the hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings. He is certainly not helping the good conduct of business of the House by these exchanges across the aisle.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): Fifteen love for Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Stanfield: I would like to find out from the right hon. Prime Minister what the government's position is with regard to conflict of interest, and having asked the Prime Minister this question a number of times I ask him again more earnestly when he will make the position of his government known with regard to conflict of interest as applied to members of the House and members of his government as well as senior officials.

Mr. Trudeau: I have answered this question many times. I have said I would make that statement to the House before the House rises for its summer break. I think that time is getting shorter every day.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: The Chair will recognize the hon. member for Peace River. I hope that hon. members will be prepared to extend their co-operation so that in the eight or ten minutes left before the end of the question period we might give an opportunity to a number of distinguished members of the House who have been waiting a few days to ask questions.

INQUIRY AS TO INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I will forego asking the Prime Minister if he has had a letter from President Amin with good wishes for recovery, and I will ask him whether he is going to bring to the House before the House recesses for the summer legislation dealing with conflict of interest.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I answered this question also last time when I dealt with this subject. I said I would make a statement on motions, that we will bring forward a bill in draft form or the substance of a bill on the matter of conflict of interest as it concerns members of parliament, that we would then hope the House would study this draft bill or the substance of the bill, and therefore in a technical sense it would not be legislation but rather a prerequisite to legislation. We will