

the National Research Council to take on new activities while imposing new cuts and giving no new moneys for the additional activities? Which programs will be cut as a result of this decision? Which universities and which businesses are being left high and dry by the actions of the Government?

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Hon. Frank Oberle (Minister of State for Science and Technology): Mr. Speaker, if the Hon. Member is correct that the NRC will be assigned new responsibilities in connection with the space program, that will result in an increase in the NRC's budget of \$226 million over a five-year period and \$800 million over a 15-year period.

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CUSTOMS TARIFF

EFFECT OF TARIFF ON BOOK PUBLISHING INDUSTRY

Ms. Lynn McDonald (Broadview—Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, I hope that my question will be answered by the Prime Minister, in the absence of the Minister of Finance. Now that the report of the Canadian Book Publishers' Council documenting the very negative effect of the book tariff is available, is the Prime Minister prepared to announce that the tariff will be removed?

Hon. Flora MacDonald (Minister of Communications): Mr. Speaker, I am sure the Hon. Member would also want to mention the commitment of the Government to the Canadian book publishing industry which can be shown by the fact that earlier this year some \$13 million was committed to the book publishing industry. Over a five-year period that would total some \$65 million. That is a major increase.

The Hon. Member will also know that the book tariff was imposed in June of this year by the Minister of Finance and the Government in retaliation for certain unwarranted actions that were taken by the United States. Those measures will be considered in due course by the Minister of Finance.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

WELCOME TO NEW PAGES

Mr. Speaker: I know that Hon. Members would want me to note that we are into the Second Session of this Parliament. I wish to draw the attention of the House to the presence of the Pages who have been appointed to assist us in the months to come.

I think all Members would agree that our Page program has been a great success and that the young people appointed have consistently shown themselves to be worthy representatives of our Canadian youth of whom we have reason to be proud.

Privilege—Mr. Marchi

[Translation]

I am convinced that our new recruits will benefit as much as their predecessors from their stay with us and I hope that this experience will be for them a source of satisfaction and enrichment. I am sure all Hon. Members will want to join with me to wish them every success.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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[English]

POINT OF ORDER

REQUEST FOR TABLING OF ORDER IN COUNCIL— APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver—Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Standing Order 103 reads as follows:

A Minister of the Crown shall lay upon the Table a certified copy of an Order in Council, stating that a certain individual has been appointed to a certain non-judicial post, not later than five sitting days after the Order in Council is published in the *Canada Gazette*.

On September 20 the Government published in the *Canada Gazette* the appointments of one Norman Spector to Federal-Provincial Relations and one Bruce Howe to the Minister of State for Science and Technology. To my knowledge the Government has not yet tabled those appointments as it is required to do under Standing Order 103, which are then referred to a committee.

I want to point this out to the House in order to give the Government a chance to remedy its way.

Mr. Mazankowski: Mr. Speaker, I will look into the matter and report back to the Hon. Member.

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PRIVILEGE

ALLEGED USE OF UNPARLIAMENTARY LANGUAGE

Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege that originated from my question in the House earlier this afternoon. The response from the Hon. Minister of State for Multiculturalism (Mr. Crombie) was that: "He", referring to myself: "should ought not to use this forum for the kind of slander he has just offered".

Beauchesne, at page 105, states:

Since 1958, it has been ruled unparliamentary to use the following expressions:

It goes on to note at page 110 that the word "slanderous" and slanderous accusations were deemed unparliamentary by the then Speaker on August 8, 1960, at page 7777 of *Hansard*.

Therefore, I ask the Minister of State for Multiculturalism, through you, Mr. Speaker, to withdraw that allegation because