

Order Paper Questions

2,176, 2,190, 2,197, 2,231, 2,253, 2,254, 2,275, 2,283, 2,292, 2,294, 2,301, 2,311, 2,366 and 2,367.

[Text]

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE'S STATEMENT—WINDSOR STAR

Question No. 724—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. To the knowledge of the government, did the Minister of Agriculture state in an interview with *The Windsor Star* on June 2, 1979, "Pitfield and those guys killed me on that" with reference to cabinet approval of stabilization payments for beef producers who lost money in 1976?

2. To the knowledge of the government, did the Minister of Agriculture state in an interview with *The Windsor Star* on June 2, 1979, that every major policy he pushed for agriculture was blocked by bureaucrats and that Michael Pitfield "more than once attempted to block a major piece" of Whelan legislation and, if so, is it the policy of the government to allow public servants to interfere with the making of policy by cabinet?

3. Are Mr. Whelan's statements accurate in regard to the past and present?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): See Beauchesne's Rules and Forms of the House of Commons of Canada, Citation 359—fifth edition, paragraph (10), and Citation 171—fourth edition, paragraphs (e) and (nn).

HOUSE OF COMMONS STAFF

Question No. 1,491—**Mr. Cossitt:**

What appointments by name, title and classification, were made to the House of Commons staff by the government by order in council since April 20, 1968, and what was the statutory authority in each case?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Five such appointments have been made since April 20, 1968: Mr. C. B. Koester was appointed Clerk Assistant (Administrative and Procedural) at the SX-1 level on July 1, 1975; on September 1, 1979, Mr. Koester was appointed Clerk, initially at the SX-3 level, and later promoted to DM-1 on October 1, 1980. Mr. M. G. Cloutier was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms at the SX-2 level on April 27, 1978. Mr. M. R. Pelletier was appointed Clerk Assistant (Legal) at the SX-1 level, later revised to SX-2, on October 24, 1969. Mr. J. R. J. Maingot was appointed Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel at the SX-1 level, later revised to SX-2 on January 1, 1971.

The appointment of Mr. Koester as Clerk was made under the authority of the Public Service Employment Act, R.S. 1970, Chapter P. 32, S. 38. The other appointments were made by the governor in council on the recommendation of the Prime Minister. This mode of appointment to these positions is a practice of long standing, the first such order in council having been issued on May 12, 1896, when Sir Charles Tupper was prime minister.

FRIGATE PROGRAM—SELECTION OF CONTRACTOR

Question No. 1,611—**Mr. Howie:**

1. What is the status of plans to select a contractor for the Frigate Program for the naval branch of the Canadian Armed Forces?

2. (a) At what stage is the program and on what date will the selection be made for the design stage (b) is the program on schedule and on what date is it expected to begin construction (c) on what date is the first ship expected to come on line?

3. Since proposals or tenders were first called, have any changes been made in the selection process in terms of participating parties or time extensions and, if so, what were they and for what reason were changes made?

Hon. J.-J. Blais (Minister of Supply and Services): 1. On the date this question was asked the government was evaluating the proposals of the qualified contractors for the performance of contract definition. As at December 8, 1980, the government selected two of the three qualified contractors for the performance of contract definition for the Canadian Patrol Frigate Program. The selected contractors are:

- (a) Saint John Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Co. Ltd., Saint John, New Brunswick; and
- (b) SCAN Marine Inc., Longueuil, Quebec.

The selection of the implementation contractor for the program will be made at the end of contract definition.

- 2. (a) The program, with the selection of these two contractors, has entered the design stage.
- (b) The original schedule for the program was announced in 1977, anticipating delivery of the first ship at the end of 1985. This delivery is now scheduled for late 1987. Construction of the first ship is expected to start by the end of 1983.
- (c) The first ship is scheduled to be delivered in late 1987.

3. Since the proposals were first requested in mid-1978, the government qualified three of the proposers and invited these three to respond to the government's desire to encourage, through the use of procurement, the creation and expansion of independent Canadian-owned enterprises. Organizational changes of the qualified contractors were as follows:

- (a) Saint John Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Co. Ltd. replaced Sperry Inc.;
- (b) SCAN Marine Inc., a subsidiary of Pratt & Whitney Aircraft of Canada Ltd., replaced Pratt & Whitney Aircraft of Canada Ltd.; and
- (c) Vickers Canada Inc. replaced Litton Systems Canada Ltd.

"BUFFALO SHUFFLE"

Question No. 1,724—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Is there a procedure referred to in the Department of Employment and Immigration, particularly by senior members of the staff, as the "Buffalo Shuffle" and, if so, what is a full description of the term and does it include immigrants entering Canada who have been deported to the United States and who then proceed to re-enter through the Canadian consulate at Buffalo, in many cases by ministerial permits?

2. (a) How many persons have entered Canada via Buffalo in each of the past three years after being deported or in any way forced to leave Canada (b) how many ministerial permits were involved (c) how many had criminal records either in Canada or elsewhere and for what reason were they readmitted?

3. What was the total number of persons entering Canada via the Canadian consulate in Buffalo during the past three years combined?

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Employment and Immigration): 1. Yes. "The Buffalo Shuffle" is a colloquial phrase