Point of Order HEAVY WATER PLANTS IN GENTILLY

Question No. 1,273-Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):

1. Since the inception of the construction programme of heavy water plants in Gentilly (a) what amount did the government pay for (i) Gentilly I (ii) Gentilly II (b) what are the expenses foreseen for Gentilly III?

2. What is the contribution by Hydro-Quebec to the Government of Quebec for each of its plants?

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Atomic Energy of Canada Limited reports as follows:

1. (a) (i) \$164.5 million; (ii) \$137 million (loan to Hydro-Quebec); (iii) No federal government participation has been approved for Gentilly III.

2. AECL has no information on contributions between the government of Quebec and its utility (Hydro-Quebec).

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[Translation]

QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, if question No. 359 could be made an order for return, this return would be tabled immediately.

[Text]

EXTERNAL AID

Question No. 359-Mr. Caouette (Témiscamingue):

1. From January 1, 1945 to December 31, 1976 did Canada lend money under programmes of external aid or for any other reason and, if so (a) what was the total amount (b) to which countries (c) on what dates (d) at what rates of interest (e) what period of time?

2. For the same period, what portions of such loans were reimbursed, by which countries and on what dates?

3. Have portions of the loans been remitted or cancelled without reimbursement and, if so (a) in favour of which countries (b) on what dates (c) for what reasons (d) under what authority were the debts cancelled?

Return tabled.

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[English]

POINTS OF ORDER

MR. EPP-CORRECTION OF OFFICIAL REPORT

Mr. Jake Epp (Provencher): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order relative to the manner in which questions are being answered. I do not intend to take much of the time of the House but I must take a minute to explain the situation.

In question No. 1,394 the hon. member for Lisgar (Mr. Murta) asked about the disposition and ownership of Thunderbird Lodge located on Wrong Lake in Manitoba. The question was, "Who is the owner of the lodge?", and the answer was given on October 17, 1977, at page 8218 of *Hansard* where the hon. member for Assiniboia (Mr. Goodale), then parliamen-[Mr. Cullen.] tary secretary to the President of Privy Council, named Mr. D. W. Gallagher as a director of Thunderbird Lodge.

When Mr. D. W. Gallagher of Winnipeg, Manitoba, was apprised of the answer that appeared in *Hansard* he wrote to the hon. member for Assiniboia. With your indulgence, Mr. Speaker, I should like to set the record straight because this gentleman does not have any way in which he can correct the record. Mr. Gallagher wrote to the hon. member for Assiniboia as follows.

Mr. Speaker: Order please. It is some time since the hon. member for Assiniboia (Mr. Goodale) was the parliamentary secretary responsible in this area. This point would have to have some immediacy that is not readily apparent to the Chair.

Mr. Epp: I appreciate you intervention, Mr. Speaker, and I expected it. It has just recently been brought to my attention by Mr. Gallagher that the correction he made in letter form to the parliamentary secretary has never received a response nor has the *Hansard* record been corrected. It is on that basis that I am trying to correct *Hansard* with your indulgence.

I will read part of the letter which Mr. Gallagher wrote, as follows:

1. I am not a director of Thunderbird Lodge, and have never been a director.

2. I have attended no meetings of the board of directors of Thunderbird Lodge.

3. I have no involvement in Thunderbird Lodge, nor have I had.

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That letter was sent on October 31 of last year and to date Mr. Gallagher has not received a clarification nor has the government seen fit to rise in this House and correct the record. I have now done so.

[Translation]

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I never did get that letter from Mr. Gallagher, but I shall check with my predecessor and find out what happened exactly.

[English]

MR. MCKINLEY—DELAY IN ANSWERING QUESTIONS ON ORDER PAPER

Mr. R. E. McKinley (Huron-Middlesex): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I would like to bring to the attention of the parliamentary secretary responsible for answering questions on the order paper that I have had on the order paper questions Nos. 560 to 673 inclusive since November 14. I was advised by way of an answer to a question that all this information has been fed on to computers within the Department of Public Works, but I see no reason whatsoever for this delay, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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