

Poll Disclosure Act

precedents I have cited until the amended ways and means motion is passed. It can be passed tomorrow if notice is given today. Notice can be given today at any time during this sitting, in the language of Standing Order 60(1).

Mr. Stevens: Mr. Speaker, it would clarify this issue greatly if the minister would simply indicate whether he has an amended, suitable tax motion to give notice of today.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I am sure if the minister had one that he would give it.

Mr. Chrétien: If the opposition wants to agree to pass the 29 clauses tomorrow, I am willing to give notice today.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The request that a minister make some sort of notice or table a document surely is not a point of order. If the minister seeks to table a document, a point of order may arise. To simply ask a minister to take such a step does not constitute a point of order.

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[Translation]

INCOME TAX ACT AND EXCISE TAX ACT**OWNERSHIP AND OPERATION OF SMALL BUSINESSES**

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Finance) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-59, entitled "An Act to amend the Income Tax Act and the Excise Tax Act in relation to ownership and operation of small businesses".

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

● (1542)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

PUBLIC OPINION POLL DISCLOSURE ACT**MEASURE TO ELIMINATE MISLEADING INFORMATION DERIVED FROM POLLS**

Mr. Dean Whiteway (Selkirk) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-459, respecting public opinion polls.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Whiteway: Mr. Speaker, this bill would require those who release public opinion polls during the time of a writ, either in respect of a general election or a by-election, to give certain adequate information regarding such polls so that the public could ascertain the validity and reliability of such polls.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

[Mr. Speaker.]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 491 and 1,375.

[Text]

CANADIAN PACIFIC

Question No. 491—**Mr. Caouette (Témiscamingue):**

1. Over the past five years, has Canadian Pacific received any grants from the government and, if so, in each case, what was the (a) amount (b) date (c) allocation?

2. Was a portion of the grants assigned to the North Bay area and, if so (a) what percentage (b) what amount was used for the road that runs through the Constituency of Témiscamingue?

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council): The Canadian Transport Commission advises as follows: 1. Yes. The information requested is available in the CTC Annual Reports No. 6 to 10 tabled each year from 1972 to 1976 in the House of Commons.

2. Canadian Pacific Ltd.'s application to abandon its Ville Marie Subdivision, between Gaboury and Ville Marie (7.7 miles), and a portion of its Temiscaming Subdivision from Gendreau running through Gaboury to Angliers (69.0 miles) was filed with the Commission October 27, 1977. No subsidies have been paid to date on either of these lines. Canadian Pacific will not be entitled to subsidy on these lines until 90 days after October 27, 1977, as per Section 256(1) of the Railway Act. Subsidies will not be paid until such time as a public hearing has been held on these lines and/or the Commission has determined that actual losses have been incurred by Canadian Pacific. The future of these two lines will be determined on the basis of a public hearing at which time all interested parties may present their views, verbally or in writing. No abandonment of these Subdivisions would occur before such a public hearing is held. Based on the workload before the Railway Transport Committee at this time, it is doubtful such a public hearing would take place before the latter half of 1978, at the very earliest.

In so far as the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce is concerned:

	(c)	(a)	(b)
1. Company	Program	Amount	Fiscal Year
Canadian Pacific Ltd.	Miscellaneous-repairs to grain cars	\$1,430,000	1974/75
Canadian Pacific Hotels	PEMD	5,912	1976/77
	"	1,910	1977/78
Canadian Pacific Consulting Service	PEMD	8,026	1975/76
	"	13,624	1976/77
	"	6,241	1977/78
Canadian Pacific Airlines	Tourism	5,157	1976/77
2. Nil			

NOTE: There were some payments under IRDIA, but this information is confidential and cannot be released.