

## Question of Privilege

## PRIVILEGE

MR. STARR—CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY OF COLONEL R. S. McLAUGHLIN

**Hon. Michael Starr (Minister of Labour):** I rise on a question of personal privilege, and I shall be very brief. I do wish to bring to the attention of the house the fact that today marks an event in the life of a great Canadian, a Canadian who has been a pioneer in the automobile industry in Canada. This man has been philanthropic and generous to his native city of Oshawa and to Canada as a whole in an endeavour to better the life of his fellow Canadians. He has contributed a great deal to the development of Oshawa. He has set up a foundation for the medical training of Canadian doctors abroad. A further outstanding contribution has been the financing of the mechanical engineering building at Queen's University, Kingston.

These are only a few of his many contributions. I refer to Colonel R. S. McLaughlin of Oshawa who was born at Enniskillen, Ontario, on September 8, 90 years ago today. I am sure that those who have been acquainted with him, as friends and in business, wish him health, happiness and many more years of life.

**Hon. Paul Martin (Essex East):** Mr. Speaker, while the procedure is somewhat unusual, the minister having taken the initiative in this matter I should like to associate the Liberal party with the tribute paid today to Mr. Sam McLaughlin, the founder of the McLaughlin Motor Car Company, who has had some 74 years of association with General Motors Corporation and the McLaughlin Company in Canada.

Representing as I do the constituency which is more widely engaged in the production of automobiles than any other section of our country; in view of the fact that there is a General Motors plant in Windsor, and in view of the fact that there is as well in that city the Ford Motor plant and the Chrysler Corporation plant, I am happy to join with the minister in extending a tribute to Mr. McLaughlin today. He is a great Canadian who has performed valuable services to his country and to his company. I hope that on his ninetieth birthday it will be possible for the government to announce some decision to implement the Bladen commission report.

## VACANCY

**Mr. W. H. McMillan (Welland):** Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice, pursuant to section 10 of the House of Commons Act, that a vacancy has occurred in the representation of the House of Commons for the electoral district

[Mr. Speaker.]

of Waterloo South in the province of Ontario by reason of the death of William Anderson, the member therefor.

## TRADE

URANIUM—INQUIRY AS TO NEGOTIATIONS WITH UNITED KINGDOM

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. L. B. Pearson (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Acting Minister of Trade and Commerce if he can explain to the house the delay in bringing to a conclusion and formalizing the uranium contract with the United Kingdom, and in the allocation of uranium under that contract, in view of reports that workers in the uranium centres are being let out because of this delay.

**Hon. Gordon Churchill (Acting Minister of Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Trade and Commerce left with me the following information which constitutes a reply to the question. On June 29 last, in reply to a question from the Leader of the Opposition, the Minister of Finance stated that following the departure of Sir Roger Makins, representing the United Kingdom atomic energy authority, arrangements were being made for continued discussions at the official level. Following these discussions certain proposals and counter proposals have been exchanged with regard to price and other conditions. At present we are awaiting the views of the United Kingdom authority with regard to the latest proposals.

**Mr. Pearson:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In view of the seriousness of the situation will the government take every possible step to impress on the United Kingdom authority the desirability of concluding these arrangements at the earliest possible date?

**Mr. Churchill:** Yes, that will be done.

## PUBLICATIONS

ROYAL COMMISSION REPORT—REPRESENTATIONS BY U.S. GOVERNMENT

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of National Defence. I apologize for giving short notice. I address this question to him because of newspaper reports to the effect that these representations were made to him. Will the minister inform the house whether the United States government has