

As the minister is studying this bill and giving it consideration, would he, in his answer—I would accept it in written form—tell me what possible objection there could be, and what lobby there would be against the proclamation of such a good measure?

Mr. Cosgrove: Madam Speaker, I intend to do that for the hon. member. Of course, high interest rates do not seem to be quite the pressing problem they were about three months ago.

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PUBLIC WORKS

DEVELOPMENT OF CARTIER SQUARE, OTTAWA—PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley-Hants): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Public Works. In view of all the speculation about the future of Cartier Square—from zoos, to galleries, to concrete canyons and skyscrapers—would the minister tell the House if the public will have an input long before the NCC makes any final decisions on the future of this very vital section of real estate right in the heart of the capital district?

Hon. Paul J. Cosgrove (Minister of Public Works): Madam Speaker, I am happy to confirm to the hon. member that the public has already had quite an opportunity for input. The committee of Cartier Square interest groups has made representations to me directly as minister, to the chairman of the National Capital Commission, to the city, to the local school board and to local school officials. Many people have had input into the design and consideration for the use of the square up to this point.

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Mr. Nowlan: Madam Speaker, would the minister guarantee that, with all these other proposals and rumours of proposals, regardless of what is finally decided there will be an adequate playing field as part of the development of that area?

Mr. Cosgrove: I am happy to confirm, Mr. Speaker, that this is one of the major considerations of the commission and most public authorities involved, including myself. We are looking at alternate proposals with the objective being that there is an adequate playing field. But the specific location is not known at this time.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

ADMISSIBILITY OF TENDERS ON JOINT PROGRAMS IN QUEBEC

Mr. Eymard Corbin (Madawaska-Victoria): Madam Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. In view of his absence, I shall put it instead to the right hon. Prime Minister. As many

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official documents of the Quebec government prove beyond a doubt that only such contractors as have their head offices in Quebec can tender for projects financed jointly and often mostly by the federal Department of Regional Economic Expansion, while the province of New Brunswick opens its doors to all comers for such projects, can the right hon. Prime Minister tell us how, with regard to the freedom of movement of persons, goods and services it will be possible to put an end to that type of balkanizing discrimination through the constitutional reform?

Hon. Pierre De Bané (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Madam Speaker, I must say to the hon. member that he has raised an extremely important question indeed. All provinces are in the process, directly or otherwise, of putting up non-tariff barriers. Naturally, a province cannot expect to benefit simultaneously from free access to the whole Canadian market when it suits it, and when the prosperity of its industries depends on the rest of the Canadian market, while in other cases denying to other provinces free access to its own market. That problem is fundamental and I am very happy that the right hon. Prime Minister has made a priority of it in the constitutional review.

[English]

Madam Speaker: The hon. member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen) has given notice of a question of privilege.

Hon. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Madam Speaker, the question of privilege of which I gave notice yesterday I am unable to put today as I have not yet received the final printed copy of the final report of the committee prior to its making its report.

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POINT OF ORDER

MR. CLARK—IMMIGRATION—REQUEST FOR LIST OF MINISTERIAL PERMITS ISSUED

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition): Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order related to the ability of Parliament to act on an undertaking that was given in the question period during the exchange between myself and the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Axworthy). I asked the identity of persons making representations in the case in question and the minister said I should seek them out and if I could secure their agreement to have their names published at the table of Parliament that would occur. Obviously the only way I can seek them out is if I know who they are.

I presume the minister, having given that answer, is prepared to identify those people to me privately so that I may seek them out and in order that we might proceed in an orderly way in the House of Commons. I wonder whether the minister could advise the House if I can expect to receive that full list today?