

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Forestry and Rural Development): Mr. Speaker, a replacement has not been made yet.

Mr. McQuaid: I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Is it the intention of the minister to make an appointment or to ask the present chairman to carry on for a longer time?

[*Translation*]

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): This, Mr. Speaker, bears some relation to the question put to me by the Leader of the Opposition. Everything will depend upon the moment when the bill is tabled in the house.

[*English*]

NATIONAL DEFENCE**ABOLITION OF NAVAL RANKS IN CANADIAN ARMED FORCES**

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a question of the Minister of National Defence, of which I have given him a brief indication and on which he agreed to make some comment. I wish to ask him whether it is indeed the intention of the Department of National Defence or the chief of the defence staff to abolish the use of naval ranks for those serving in the sea element of the Canadian armed forces?

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I can answer this question in the negative.

FINANCE**REQUEST FOR INCREASED BORROWING RATE FROM SUPERANNUATION FUND**

Mr. Louis-Roland Comeau (South Western Nova): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance, but since I just saw him leave the house I will direct it to the President of the Treasury Board. In view of the government's action in raising interest rates on farm credit loans, veterans' loans and now fishermen's loans, will the minister consider increasing the rate at which the government borrows from the superannuation fund from the present 4 per cent to at least 5 per cent or more?

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, that question has been asked before, I think, and is being looked into.

[Mr. McQuaid.]

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[*Translation*]

Mr. Oza Tétrault (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, I wish to put a question to the Prime Minister.

Could he tell me whether during his stay in Europe he was able to find new solutions to help the poor in Canada?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member's question is far too general. Therefore, I do not think it is in order.

[*English*]

HEALTH AND WELFARE**CARD SYSTEM FOR DRUG DISTRIBUTION TO INDIANS**

Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Further to his reply to a question a few days ago about the replacement of the list system for Indians entitled to free drugs with a card system, will the minister say what target date has been set for this change and, if none has been set, will he undertake to report to the house on this matter?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Yes, Mr. Speaker, the cards have been prepared now as a result of consultations with the Indian people and other departments. We are spreading them out now amongst the Indian people. We hope that they will replace the list in due course, but there will be some duplication between the cards and the list for a month or so.

INDIAN AFFAIRS**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ON INDIAN RESERVES**

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether before you call orders of the day—

Mr. Speaker: Is the hon. member rising on a point of order?

Mr. Howard (Skeena): Yes, Mr. Speaker. I have had a discussion with the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development concerning a motion for the production of papers, about which we took some action earlier. The minister and I have agreed to have the motion transferred for debate. If I could have the consent of the house to revert to notices of motions for production of papers I would ask that this be done.

Mr. Speaker: Is that agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Transferred for debate.