

no idea where I should turn in that this legislation has not been implemented. Where in this country do you get justice?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member for Greenwood.

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HOUSING

MONTREAL—EFFECTS OF PROPOSED EXPRESSWAY—REPLACEMENT BY UNDERGROUND PROJECT

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the acting minister in charge of housing, who I believe is the Minister of National Revenue. In light of the statement made by the Secretary of State that the project for an expressway in Montreal would butcher several residential areas and demolish 2,000 houses and therefore should be replaced by an underground expressway, will the minister undertake to look into this matter and explore what action might be taken to discourage the one project in favour of the other?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my colleague I would be glad to take note of the question.

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FINANCE

REQUEST FOR ABOLITION OF THREE PER CENT SURTAX

Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Finance.

With a view to meeting the request made yesterday by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce to the government, to remove the 3 per cent surtax, which would result in lower unemployment, does the government intend to reconsider its last decision and soon announce lower taxes, in view of the fact that taxes paralyze production and give free play to the escalation in the cost of living?

[English]

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, any changes in taxation policy will be announced in the House of Commons in the normal way.

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GRAIN

WHEAT—ACREAGE REDUCTION PROGRAM—APPLICATIONS FILED AFTER JULY 15, 1970

Mr. A. B. Douglas (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, this question is for the Minister of Agriculture. In view of the numerous representations made in recent weeks by producers who, through no fault of their own, did not file their applications under the Lift program before the deadline of July 15, 1970, can the minister inform the

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House whether or not those representations have been considered and, if so, what has been the decision of the government?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Yes, Mr. Speaker, we have been giving serious consideration to the representations that have been made. Certainly we do not want to deprive any farmer of his payments under the Lift program through an honest mistake on his part. Therefore I have instructed the appeal tribunal in Regina to give a little more latitude in respect of the dates when applications were received but not to change the date on which the physical changes may have been made—that is, up to and including July 15 but not since that date.

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POWER

INVESTIGATION OF USE OF BAY OF FUNDY TIDES

Mr. Robert C. Coates (Cumberland-Colchester North): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Is the minister in a position to report to the House the progress being made in his department on the harnessing of the power of the Bay of Fundy tides, and what future actions are planned in this regard? If he is not at the present time in that position, will he provide the House with an up to date report at the earliest possible opportunity?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, I have nothing further to add to the report I made at the time of tabling the study regarding the Bay of Fundy power project. I would be glad to look into the matter further to see whether the departmental study has come up with any further conclusions, and in this regard I will take the hon. member's question as notice.

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IMMIGRATION

IMPROVEMENT OF APPEAL BOARD STRUCTURE TO DEAL WITH BACKLOG OF CASES

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. I asked a question of the acting minister yesterday concerning improvement in the structure and procedures of the Immigration Appeal Board in order to deal with the backlog of some 14 months in appeals awaiting hearing. Has the minister had this question referred to him and, if so, has he an answer?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, this question has in effect, been answered several times in the House, at which time it was indicated that the specific recommendations of the Sedgwick report and its conclusions and our own decision on them were considered to be of urgent importance, and that we hoped to be able to come forward with some proposals for the House before very long.