

government to reintroduce what was known as Bill C-222 immediately or within the next few days rather than wait for the budget that may come in the weeks ahead?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, I thought I dealt with that in some detail on Friday. I am having consultations with the House leader as to the best way of reintroducing the substance of Bill C-222.

**Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West):** Without waiting for the budget?

**Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton):** Mr. Speaker, the issue is open until I have had a full opportunity to canvass this with my colleagues.

#### PROVISION OF FORMS FOR 1972 RETURNS

**Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary either to the Minister of Finance or the Minister of National Revenue. Will the minister's decision have any effect on when taxpayers will be able to secure the proper forms for tax returns for last year?

**Hon. Robert Stanbury (Minister of National Revenue):** Mr. Speaker, the answer is no. Preparation of the tax return forms takes about three and a half months. The decision was made in the middle of last September to prepare them so that they could go out starting this week, I hope, in order that people entitled to refunds could file and have their returns processed as quickly as possible.

**Mr. Baldwin:** Have you got enough trucks to send them out?

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Hamilton West.

[Translation]

**Mr. Caouette (Témiscamingue):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member, on a point of order.

**Mr. Caouette (Témiscamingue):** Mr. Speaker, I can understand why you are used to seeing me sit on the other side of the House but I must point out to you that I am here now.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order.

**Mr. Caouette (Témiscamingue):** I got up at least half a dozen times.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I did not see the hon. member but I did hear him. I shall recognize him in a moment.

[English]

For the moment I recognize the hon. member for Hamilton West.

#### Oral Questions

#### MANPOWER

#### LOCAL INITIATIVE PROGRAMS—APPROVAL OF PROJECTS AND DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

**Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In light of the fact the minister indicated on December 6 that he would direct his officials to process LIP programs in order that the new funds in the sum of some \$80 million could be allocated immediately and since we are now in January, can the minister inform the House whether all the funds have now been distributed? I understand that some \$50 million worth of projects are sitting on his desk awaiting approval.

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, they are not sitting on my desk awaiting my approval but about \$50 million of the fund is still being examined in terms of the some 11,000 project applications we have had and we are processing these just as quickly as possible.

**An hon. Member:** Are they for summer employment?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. A number of members would like to ask supplementaries but perhaps in fairness the Chair should recognize the hon. member for Témiscamingue. I recognize that he should have been called before. I realize that there are a number of supplementaries on the subject raised by the hon. member for Hamilton West, but I now recognize the hon. member for Témiscamingue and we will take the supplementaries later.

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[Translation]

#### REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

#### CLOSING OF CIP PLANT IN TEMISCAMING—DISCUSSION WITH QUEBEC AUTHORITIES RESPECTING REOPENING

**Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue):** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. What I am afraid of over here is the questions of the Progressive Conservatives.

Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion.

I apologize for coming back to this matter, but since Friday has his department had further communications with the provincial authorities of Quebec in connection with the CIP plant in Temiscaming?

[English]

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** No, Mr. Speaker, not specifically with regard to that particular project. The consultation to which I referred on Friday was with the minister, my counterpart in the province of Quebec, and it related to a meeting which we are proposing to hold later this week and at which I have no doubt the Temiscaming question as well as a number of others will be discussed.