

## Oral Questions

[Translation]

## BILINGUALISM

## APPLICATION OF SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO TEACHERS

**Mr. Gilles Caouette (Charlevoix):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister.

Has he received any representations to the effect that the second language summer courses scholarship program worked out by the Canadian Council of Education Ministers be made available to teachers as well as students?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** I do not know if I have received such representations, Mr. Speaker, but I shall check on this.

**Mr. Caouette (Charlevoix):** On a supplementary, Mr. Speaker, would the Prime Minister tell us whether, following such representations, it would in effect be possible for teachers to take part in this program?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, all I can answer the hon. member is that I shall see what is the exact nature of the request and examine it thoroughly.

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[English]

## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

## BENEFIT CONTROL—POSSIBLE NUMBER OF DISQUALIFICATIONS—AMENDMENTS TO ACT

**Mr. Don Blenkarn (Peel South):** Mr. Speaker, this question is supplementary to those directed to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of the fact that well over 40,000 people have been disqualified by the benefit control officers in the past few weeks, is the government of the opinion that with continued vigilance perhaps 100,000 might be disqualified?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, that is the last thing in the world about which I would want to make a forecast.

**Mr. Blenkarn:** Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact there have been problems in connection with disqualification, has the government any further amendments to the Unemployment Insurance Act to offer which would make it less attractive for people to be on unemployment insurance so that disqualification would not be necessary?

**Mr. Andras:** Mr. Speaker, my prime purpose is to protect the generosity of the best unemployment insurance scheme in the world. We are trying to ensure that the credibility of that scheme is maintained with the Canadian people so that people genuinely unemployed and genuinely in need of income during an interruption in their regular earnings are in fact going to get it.

[Mr. Speaker.]

## MANPOWER

## PLACEMENT PRIORITIES—DIRECTIVE OF MARCH 9—MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITY

**Mr. Peter Reilly (Ottawa West):** Mr. Speaker, in attempting to assist the Prime Minister to preserve his rather shaky credibility—

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Hees:** That's a good warm-up.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member knows as well as other hon. members that he cannot ask a question in those terms.

**Mr. Baldwin:** Have you got one of those ski sweaters?

**An hon. Member:** The minister will need one next year.

**Mr. Reilly:** In view of the fact that the minister has lost no opportunity to implicate his deputy minister in this affair since March 9, and in light of parliamentary tradition which requires him to accept full responsibility for the conduct of business in his department, will he now publicly accept that responsibility and clear the name of his deputy minister, or will he resign?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. I think the involvement of the deputy minister came about mainly as the result of my answer to a question asked yesterday by the hon. member for Hamilton West, which appears on page 2241 of *Hansard*. He asked me this direct question:

Was that directive released with the approval of the minister, or did his deputy issue it contrary to the instructions or directions of the minister?

My answer was as factual and as honest as it could be. The only alternative I would have had to put it differently would have been to lie.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

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**Mr. Reilly:** I rise on a question of privilege, and I place myself in the hands of the Chair on this, Mr. Speaker. The minister's reference to the deputy minister was not confined to a simple honest answer to the hon. member for Hamilton West. The minister on several occasions, not only in this House but outside the House through the medium of television, implicated his deputy in this sorry affair. As a member of the House representing many thousands of civil servants whose interests, I suggest to Your Honour, are adversely affected by this kind of sorry conduct, I demand of the minister that he publicly clear the name of a loyal civil servant or resign from the House.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway.