

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works):** Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that the government aircraft that is being provided tomorrow will arrive back in this city at 1.15 p.m., perhaps it would be agreeable that the house meet at three o'clock. If this is agreeable to all hon. members we could have it made an order of the house.

As for the meetings of the standing committees, I would be very glad to discuss that matter with the chairmen of the committees and perhaps something could be arranged so that most of them would not sit until either later in the day or the next day.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it an order of the house that this house meet tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

**OLD AGE SECURITY**CONSIDERATION OF INCREASE IN  
AMOUNT OF PENSION

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Eric A. Winkler (Grey-Bruce):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the right hon. Prime Minister. I wonder if he can inform the house whether any decision has been reached with regard to an increase in old age pensions, or whether any alternate arrangement has been reached with the provinces.

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, this matter is still under consideration.

**CROP INSURANCE**

## INQUIRY AS TO EXTENSION OF PROGRAM

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. R. E. McKinley (Huron):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture. In view of the minister's statement last night on the outcome of the meeting last Thursday with the provinces, in which he said that Ontario and Quebec are in favour of a program to insure feed grain crops and dairy herds, and since the federal government pays 50 per cent of the administration of these programs, would the minister say whether he is in agreement with the provinces or whether he believes there should also be a government insurance program for cash crops?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. This question asks for a statement of policy, which I do not think should be given at this time.

[Mr. Starr.]

**DRUGS**INQUIRY AS TO PERSONNEL OF  
SPECIAL COMMITTEE

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. S. J. Enns (Portage-Neepawa):** Mr. Speaker, my question is to the government house leader, but since he has been called away he may wish to take it as notice. As the special committee on food and drugs was constituted 10 days ago, can he say how soon members will be named to that committee?

**Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General):** I will take the question as notice, Mr. Speaker.

**HIGHWAY SAFETY**REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE OF PRESIDENT  
OF CHRYSLER CORPORATION

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford):** Mr. Speaker, I have another question for the Minister of Industry. Will the minister consider seeking for the Department of Industry the services of Mr. Ronald Todgham, president of Chrysler Corporation of Canada, with respect to obtaining advice on automotive safety devices?

**Mr. Speaker:** This question should be placed on the order paper, if it is in order.

**WAR ON POVERTY**INQUIRY AS TO ACTION PROPOSED  
BY GOVERNMENT

On the orders of the day:

**Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway):** Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Prime Minister. In view of the statement made by the executive director of the Canadian Welfare Council that because of the lack of massive federal programs to wage the urgent war on poverty Canadians are shouting "phony war", would the Prime Minister indicate what immediate steps are planned to convert the phony war into a real one?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member is not putting a question that can be asked in this form at this time. She is making allegations, and I suggest to the hon. member that the question cannot be put in the form in which it has just been submitted.