

YOUTH

INQUIRY AS TO TABLING OF TASK FORCE REPORT AND INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister without Portfolio from Scarborough. Since the report of the Task Force on Youth is being studied by the cabinet, can the minister indicate to the House when he expects to table it in the House and whether we can expect any legislation?

Hon. Robert Stanbury (Minister without Portfolio): Mr. Speaker, the minister responsible for youth policy is the Secretary of State.

An hon. Member: Heaven forbid!

Mr. Nystrom: Mr. Speaker, may I direct my question to the Secretary of State. When can we expect the report of the Task Force on Youth to be tabled in the House, and can we expect any legislation to follow?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, the Task Force on Youth gave me a preliminary report on its work about three weeks ago. We are expecting a final report and as the hon. member may well imagine, the government will have to make its own study of the report before saying when it will be tabled and possibly published.

[English]

Mr. Baldwin: By that time our present youth will be the aged.

Mr. Nystrom: Can the Secretary of State say that the House will have this report in its hands before the summer rush for student employment?

Mr. Baldwin: That would be "student unemployment". That is the phrase the hon. member used previously.

[Translation]

Mr. Pelletier: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

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[English]

MANPOWER

INTRODUCTION OF PROGRAMS FOR UNEMPLOYED YOUTH

Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a related question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In light of the prevalence of statements regarding the potential of prospective programs for unemployed students this summer, can the minister say whether such programs are going to be introduced for the unemployed young people now and, if not, why not?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, the question of special programs is

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under review. A review is taking place of the success of the programs which were instituted last year. When it is possible for the government to reach a decision on the course of action for the future, it will be announced.

Mr. Crouse: Mr. Speaker, may I ask the minister if there is any truth in the front-page report in the *Globe and Mail*—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

[Later:]

PROVISION OF SUMMER STUDENT MILITIA PROGRAM

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In his consideration of the re-introduction of student employment programs for next summer, will the minister consider the student militia program? Also, will he consider doubling the quota in order that it will be available to a much larger segment of the population?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): As I stated earlier, Mr. Speaker, the matter of what policy should be implemented is under consideration. When a decision has been reached, it will be announced.

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NATIONAL AND ROYAL ANTHEMS

INQUIRY AS TO INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): Mr. Speaker, may I say that I have enough faith in the Minister of National Defence and his intelligence to believe that he will not be persuaded by his new seat-mate. My question is directed to the Government House Leader. It seems, Mr. Speaker, that I have been asking this question several times a year from year to year. Could the Government House Leader now give some indication to the Canadian people of when we might expect legislation dealing with our royal and national anthems, so that we can have in the public realm this type of symbol of our nation?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I realize that the hon. member raised this question some time ago. I have had some communication with the Prime Minister as to how we propose to proceed or might proceed in dealing with the subject matter during the present session. That discussion has not been completed yet but the matter is really under active consideration.

Mr. Forrestall: In his discussions with the right hon. gentleman, could the Government House Leader pursue the matter along the lines of separating the two anthems and not necessarily bringing in one bill dealing with both?