

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

tabling the Stanbury-Field report on taxation of Indians?

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Mr. Speaker, we received that report in September. That document was prepared for the exclusive use of the department.

We are now studying this report. I do not think that we are in a position to table it now, considering that the document deals with taxation among the Indians in British Columbia and includes confidential details on certain individuals. We are studying the scope of that report. It might be possible some day to disclose its nature in the House of Commons.

We might also give new directives to the committee, because the information provided is not entirely satisfactory.

[English]

**Mr. Dinsdale:** As a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, inasmuch as this report has a direct bearing on the current negotiations between the government and the provincial health and welfare ministers, with respect to Indian Health and Welfare Services, could the minister expedite this matter?

[Translation]

**Mr. Chrétien:** Mr. Speaker, I can assure the hon. member that we are trying to act as quickly as possible in order to get a true picture of the situation regarding the taxation of Indians.

[English]

**IMMIGRATION****STATUS OF CZECHOSLOVAK REFUGEES PROGRAM**

**Mr. Marcel Prud'homme (St. Denis):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Will the minister assure the house that the termination of the special Czechoslovak refugee program on January 10 does not refer to applications by persons from Czechoslovakia who are genuine political refugees?

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, the announcement terminating the program was an announcement with respect to the special program that had been in effect for a period of some months for Czechoslovak refugees. The normal refugee principle is still in operation for persons from that country and indeed all countries.

[Mr. Dinsdale.]

[Translation]

**POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT****REQUEST TO RE-EXAMINE POLICY**

**Mr. René Matte (Champlain):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to put a question to the Postmaster General.

Does he think it is possible to review the standards that determine the closing of post offices at the present time?

**Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General):** No, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

**PROCEDURE****RECONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEE—TELEVISION OF PROCEEDINGS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND HOUSE**

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the President of the Privy Council in his capacity as government house leader. In constituting or reconstituting the Committee on Procedure and Organization will he give consideration to suggesting the inclusion in its terms of reference of the possible position regarding the installation of radio and television in the standing committees, and/or in this chamber, with a view to this matter being given full consideration and with the possibility of a recommendation being made to the house?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council):** I will consider that suggestion, Mr. Speaker, and discuss it with my colleagues. In connection with the committee, I might say that we hope at an early date to have from hon. gentlemen opposite a list of their nominees to the committee and we will discuss with them broader terms of reference, along with those discussed on December 20 in relation to the proceedings of the house.

[Translation]

**AIRPORTS****QUEBEC—LOCATION OF INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

**Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport.

In view of the statement made by Mr. Dozois, the Quebec Minister of Finance, to the effect that he would have requested a meeting with the Minister of Transport in connection with the selection of a site for the