

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): All have not agreed.

Mr. Olson: Will the minister tell the house how many have and how many have not agreed to the conditions?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. It does seem to me this is the type of information which should be requested when this matter comes before the house.

PENSIONS**INQUIRY AS TO LEGISLATION REGULATING PRIVATE PLANS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Finance. Now that all but one of the legislative items, notice of which has been promised for the session prior to the recess, are before us, can the minister say when this other one will be placed on the order paper? I refer to the pension benefits legislation.

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I am not quite sure just when this measure will be on the order paper; we are working on the legislation. I thought the hon. gentleman was perhaps going to ask when the income tax bill will be on the order paper. That will be on even sooner.

Mr. Knowles: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In view of commitments over the last several months that this legislation would be on the order paper soon, can it not be put on the order paper before we recess?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The question as asked now is argumentative.

WATER RESOURCES**REQUEST FOR FURTHER COMMITTEE APPEARANCE BY MINISTER**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys. In view of the fact that the proceedings before the industry, research and energy development committee have prematurely been closed off, is the minister prepared to appear before some other committee to allow questions to be asked on water resources and pollution?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys): Mr. Speaker, the committee proceedings may have been closed

off, but that is not the fault of the minister. I am not the master of decisions taken by committees of this house. As far as I am concerned, I tried this morning to answer all the questions. I was willing to go on for two or three hours, but we were told that the hon. member who has just asked the question was too busy and had to be somewhere else at eleven.

Mr. Aiken: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. The minister has not made a complete statement as to what happened in the committee this morning. There was a request—

An hon. Member: Order.

Mr. Aiken: I have the right to state the facts. There was a request that the minister return to the committee on Thursday so the hon. member for Kamloops, who is away today, could ask questions in connection with water resources and pollution. Likewise I had some further questions to ask. The committee completed its proceedings, but I rise merely to point out that it was not just myself involved but another member as well who also wanted to complete his questioning of the minister this morning.

Mr. Pepin: I will try to answer any question at any time.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

DISCUSSION OF FLOOD CONTROL WITH U.S. INTERIOR SECRETARY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. L. R. Sherman (Winnipeg South): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys whether, in future consultations with the United States Secretary of the Interior, he and Mr. Udall intend to go beyond the subject of water pollution and look also at the problems of flooding and flood control.

Mr. Speaker: Order, I suggest to the hon. member that he might want to place that question on the order paper.

PUBLIC SERVICE**REQUEST THAT P.F.A.A. EMPLOYEES BE BROUGHT UNDER ACT**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. R. Southam (Moose Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I have a question which I will direct to the Minister of Agriculture. In view of the fact that the permanent employees responsible for the administration of the Prairie Farm