

Mr. Hees: There are some people you just can't teach.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I wonder if we might now return to the business of the House of Commons. The hon. member for York South.

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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

DISPUTE WITH NABET—POSITION OF NEGOTIATIONS— INTERVENTION OF MEDIATOR

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State or the Minister of Labour—I do not know which one may be able to inform the House. Have negotiations between the CBC and NABET resumed, and is there any mediator or conciliator present during these negotiations?

Hon. Martin P. O'Connell (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, about two weeks ago the corporation made a statement of its position. Earlier this week NABET put forward a statement of its position. A mediator is there to try to reconcile the differences that still exist.

Mr. Lewis: Mr. Speaker, the minister did not quite answer my question. This difficulty has gone on for many months and I should like to know from the minister whether the parties are now meeting with the mediator present, or are the talks still continuing at arms length?

Mr. O'Connell: The latter is the current situation, Mr. Speaker. The parties are meeting each other only through the mediator, not jointly.

Mr. Lewis: Mr. Speaker, perhaps you will say this is a representation, but I will try to word it so it is not. May I ask the minister whether he is prepared to take steps now to request or require the parties to meet with the mediator present in continuing sessions, day and night, until they reach a settlement, before the CBC is done irreparable harm?

Mr. O'Connell: Mr. Speaker, I think all of us share the concern about the length of the negotiations. At the same time, the two parties must show a will to negotiate before any useful measure of progress can be made.

Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, in view of the continued disruption of CBC services as a result of the strike of its employees, and in view of the fact the president of the CBC seems unable to deal with the situation, is it the intention of the government to hasten the departure of the president of that corporation in order that new management may have an opportunity of attempting to negotiate a settlement?

Inquiries of the Ministry

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[*Translation*]

YOUTH

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PROJECTS TO BE APPROVED

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put my question to the Secretary of State.

In the last press release concerning Opportunities for Youth, it is stated that the number of approved projects has now reached 2,845. May I ask the minister whether the approved projects have now been selected to reach 3,000, as previously announced.

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I will inquire to see whether there are still some projects to be announced but 3,000 has never been a mystic number and has never given rise to a profession of faith. We said that about 3,000 projects could be subsidized, according to the criteria and the available funds.

Mr. Speaker: Does the hon. member for Bellechasse wish to ask a supplementary?

Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

I heard the minister's reply and I presume that it is still possible for projects to be accepted and that the responsible persons will be notified without delay.

Mr. Pelletier: I think that the hon. member is indeed presumptuous, Mr. Speaker.

[*English*]

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—REJECTED APPLICATIONS—RESULTS OF SOLICITATION OF COMPANIES TO PROVIDE JOBS

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Secretary of State. In view of the fact that the government has had a team calling on businessmen during the month of May to solicit private support for the opportunities for youth project applications turned down by the government, would the minister inform the House when he will publish the list of corporations that have agreed to participate in this plan?

[*Translation*]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, as soon as we consider it complete. For the time being, I regret to inform the hon. member that it is not a long list.

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TRANSPORT

POSSIBLE RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM BETWEEN WINDSOR AND QUEBEC CITY—POLICY RESPECTING FURTHER ATTEMPTS TO CURTAIL RAIL SERVICE

Mr. H. W. Danforth (Kent-Essex): Mr. Speaker, I had intended my question for the Minister of Transport who, according to the roster, was to be here, but in his absence I will direct it to the acting minister or to the parliamen-