

Inquiries of the Ministry

as it is. Consequently, I see no reason why the changes to which the hon. member has alluded should take place.

DEPARTMENTAL REORGANIZATION—POSSIBLE EFFECT ON GRANTS TO MUNICIPALITIES

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): My question to the Minister of Transport arising out of his plans for reorganization is: will he ensure that the municipalities do not receive smaller federal tax payments as a result of the reorganization when, for example, the National Harbours Board, a Crown corporation, becomes something else?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): I would ask the hon. member to be more specific. I cannot give such an assurance at the moment. If he would give me some specific examples, I will try to deal with them.

Mr. McCleave: My question concerns grants in lieu of taxation which might be smaller if a Crown corporation, such as the National Harbours Board, were to become simply part of a government department.

Mr. Speaker: Supplementary? The hon. member for Hamilton West.

FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

DISCUSSION OF URBANIZATION

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): I have a question for the Prime Minister. Was the serious question of growing urbanization discussed at the last federal-provincial meeting together with the prospect of establishing a three-tier—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The question is not supplementary to the one we were considering a moment ago. However, the hon. member has asked it and perhaps the Prime Minister might reply.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): This question was not on the agenda nor does a specific reference to it appear in the communiqué. There was some mention among delegations of this important subject but it was not specifically tackled as an item of business.

INDIAN AFFAIRS

REQUEST FOR TABLING OF PRESENTATION TO PRIME MINISTER

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister in [Mr. Jamieson.]

connection with the presentation which was made to him by the McGill University Inter-tribal Council and the Native Association of Quebec. In order to provide us all with a degree of understanding of the esteem in which he is held by the native people, would he be prepared to table that presentation?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): It was not a serious presentation, but if the hon. member wants to table it himself I am sure we will see the level of his thinking.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Howard (Skeena): Apropos of that reply, I indicated—and I apologize for it—the level of my thinking by addressing the question in the first place to such an ass.

Mr. Trudeau: Lost your cool?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I suggest to the hon. member that the language he is using is utterly and completely unparliamentary. It may not be in his understanding, but it is in mine.

[Translation]

Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière): Mr. Speaker, considering what the Prime Minister said a while ago, does he intend to ask the Postmaster General and Minister of Communications to table that document?

[English]

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

REVIEW OF ROLE AND STRUCTURE OF COUNCIL

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): I have a question for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Mr. Speaker. On December 3, 1969, in answer to a question I had asked him, the minister informed me he was in the process of reviewing the role and structure of the Consumer Council. May I ask him, now, whether his review is complete and, if so, when we may expect a report?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): I hope to announce some appointments very shortly.

NORTHERN AFFAIRS

REPORTED ABANDONING BY UNITED STATES OF ARCTIC METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the