

be the intention of the government to move such reference within the next couple of weeks or so.

**Mr. Marshall:** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the government House leader if he has any intention of bringing Bill C-16 before the House. I would ask him to treat this matter as an emergency, in view of the fact that in that omnibus bill, C-16, there is one section which includes a discriminating distinction between male and female cadets in the cadet services of Canada. In view of the fact that this summer the student summer employment program will include the cadet services, will the minister bring the bill forward so this matter can be rectified to the benefit of many young people in this country?

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank the hon. member for his suggestion. It is my hope that when we have disposed of the amendments to the Income Tax Act, the House leaders will meet and, hopefully, agree upon a definite allocation of time for all the remaining business on the order paper, so that we can reach this bill and many others in respect of which I have received various representations.

**Mr. Benjamin:** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the government House leader if he will advise the House or consult the Minister of Transport on the annual report of Air Canada and that of Canadian National Railways. Will these reports be referred to the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications as has been done on other occasions? Also, will he tell the House when we may expect the annual CNR financing bill?

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, I will have to take those questions as notice.

[Translation]

**Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière):** I want to speak on the same point of order concerning the proceedings of the House, Mr. Speaker. I asked many times that the Minister of Manpower and Immigration and the President of the Privy Council inquire when the bill on unemployment insurance amending the 1971 act will be presented to Parliament, as announced in the Speech from the Throne. The hon. gentlemen always answered that they would get the information and report to the House. I would like to ask once more if the President of the Privy Council has inquired about this matter and what was the information he got?

[English]

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, I have looked into this question in relation to several other bills not yet on the order paper in respect of which it would be very desirable to have quick approval. I regret having to say, however, that because of the very long time being taken on the amendments to the Income Tax Act, the whole schedule has fallen behind and we will have to decide which of these important bills should receive first priority.

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## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[Translation]

### BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

ALLOTTED DAY S.O. 58—ALLEGED GOVERNMENT SECRECY IN OPERATION OF CIDA—EFFECT ON EXTERNAL AID PROGRAM

**Mr. Claude Wagner (Saint-Hyacinthe)** moved:

That this House deplores the Government's secrecy in the operation of the Canadian International Development Agency which casts public doubt on the quality of management and effectiveness of Canada's international assistance program.

He said: Mr. Speaker, in undertaking this debate and presenting this motion to the House, we are well aware of the very acute problems which our fellow citizens must face every day. Let me mention, for instance, inflation which is left uncontrolled, unemployment whose spectre, in the last few months, has been replaced by the sad reality of layoffs multiplication. We have debated these matters each day since the House resumed its sittings, and we shall go on doing so.

However, we dare take up a whole day for a close scrutiny of the orientation and administration of this government in the matter of Canada's foreign aid.

We believe that such an scrutiny is even more timely, perhaps even urgent, since the whole cabinet, when describing the economic situation, refer constantly, with OECD figures in support of their statements, to the fact that, according to them, the situation is even worse in foreign countries.

"In Canada, things are not so bad for the moment", said our Prime Minister during his speech on starvation throughout the world at the recent liberal \$100 a plate fund-raising dinner held in Montreal on January 31st.

**Mr. Béchard:** They cost \$160 a plate in your party!

**Mr. Wagner:** Mr. Speaker, those were the comments of my colleagues opposite. They were discussing starvation throughout the world, while next Sunday we shall be discussing the termination of this government.

Mr. Speaker, I would like my friends opposite to listen to the right hon. Prime Minister's New Year message. He then committed himself and the generosity of Canadians towards helping the more disadvantaged among our fellow human beings. In giving that message, the Prime Minister must have hoped, and rightly so, that we in this country would prove equal to the task.

Of that, Mr. Speaker, we are not quite so sure, or rather we so want to be sure of that today, partly as a result of recent reports published in the newspapers in this regard, we want to question the government about its main sharing channel, namely the Canadian International Development Agency.

In fact, just about everyone wonders about CIDA, because, as the hon. member for Saint-Michel (Miss Bégoin) said in Montreal on Tuesday last, and I quote:

... because we know very little about what CIDA does, and because we know even less about the problems it has to overcome.