

say about it if it were challenged. If the bylaw were challenged it might, at that point, give an opportunity to the Attorney General of Canada to decide whether to intervene.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

LAYING OF WREATH AT WAR MEMORIAL

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Veterans Affairs. Can he advise the House what minister is to lay the wreath tomorrow at the war memorial on behalf of the government of Canada?

Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Veterans Affairs): Mr. Speaker, it will be the Acting Prime Minister.

Mr. Marshall: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister explain why the Prime Minister himself will not be laying the wreath?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

FISHERIES

CONSERVATION OF RESOURCES OF SEA, CONTROL OF POLLUTION

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, since the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for External Affairs are absent, may I direct a question to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. Has the hon. gentleman anything to report on the outcome of discussions held over the weekend between the Prime Minister and U Thant on the proposed conservation of our sea resources as well as methods for controlling pollution of the high seas?

Mr. E. F. Whelan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): No, Mr. Speaker, I have nothing to report at this time.

FINANCE

INQUIRY AS TO ESTABLISHMENT OF SECURITIES COMMISSION

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Since the list of legislation tabled by the Prime Minister on opening day does not contain any reference to a bill dealing with a Canadian or national securities commission, does that mean the minister has abandoned

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any thought of establishing such a commission? Will he report to the House what progress he has made since the month of June with regard to obtaining consent for the establishment of such a commission?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the answer to the first part of the question is no. The answer to the second part is that we are still considering our position within the government.

PUBLIC SERVICE

ACHIEVEMENT OF QUOTA IN UNITED APPEAL CAMPAIGN

Mr. Lloyd Francis (Ottawa West): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State. Did the Public Service division of the United Appeal achieve its quota in the recent Red Feather drive. If so, will the government issue a statement to counteract the impression left on a recent television program that the Public Service division was in large part responsible for the failure to meet the United Appeal quota?

[*Translation*]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): According to my information on the subject, Mr. Speaker, the Public Service employees have not only reached but oversubscribed the objective set for them in this joint appeal, and it might be a good idea to take up the hon. member's suggestion and issue an official statement about it.

[*English*]

ALLEGED LACK OF EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN

Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey): Mr. Speaker, I wanted to direct a question to the President of the Treasury Board. Since he is absent may I direct the question to an appropriate minister of the government who can take it as notice. In view of the statement over the weekend by the chairman of the Public Service Commission of Canada alleging a lack of equality in employment opportunities for women in the Canadian Public Service, will the minister look into this matter and make an early statement in the House?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I doubt whether the question in the form it was asked is in order. The hon. member should ask his question directly, instead of seeking a comment from the minister about a statement made outside the House.