

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Howard (Skeena): A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Inasmuch as this matter was presented to cabinet last January, can the minister tell us how much longer it may be before a decision is reached or whether he intends to impose closure in the cabinet in order to get the matter through for debate?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

NATIONAL DEFENCERESERVE FORCES—INQUIRY AS TO
COMPLETION OF REVIEW

Hon. J. A. MacLean (Malpeque): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of National Defence. Has the government completed its review of the reserve forces with a view to determining what their strength will be in the immediate future, and did the government seek the advice of the Conference of Defence Associations on this important matter?

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): The answer to the first question is no, Mr. Speaker. This is because we have been consulting with the Defence Associations and we are going to meet again, I believe, early in August. We expect that after that our plans will be clarified and we will be able to announce them.

POWERMINAS BASIN FEASIBILITY STUDY—INQUIRY
AS TO AVAILABILITY

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): Mr. Speaker, may I direct my question to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. I gave the minister notice of this question last week. When does the minister expect the feasibility study on Minas Basin power will be available?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister without Portfolio): Mr. Speaker, as previously indicated in the house, the report is in its final stages of completion. It is being prepared and is expected some time in the autumn.

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. When this report is made available to the government, will the minister and the government undertake to make it public as quickly as possible?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, as soon as the report is available, that will be given consideration.

[Mr. Sharp.]

NATIONAL DEFENCESAC BOMBER SITES—POSSIBLE LOCATION IN
CANADA

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask the Minister of National Defence whether there has been any request or approach on the part of United States officials with regard to the possibility of dispersing SAC bomber sites and locating some of them in Canada?

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): Yes, Mr. Speaker, some time ago, I believe, but no decision has been taken in that regard.

LABOUR CONDITIONS

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT FOR STUDENTS

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. He will recall that last Thursday I asked him some questions with regard to a program for student employment this summer and he said he would undertake to make a progress report to the house on the subject. I wonder whether he has it today or when he intends to make it?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I assure my hon. friend I will carry out the undertaking and will either table a report or give it verbally before the house closes or as early as possible.

Mr. Lewis: Mr. Speaker, may I ask whether it is possible for the minister to indicate the date on which he will be ready to make this report? Surely it has been under discussion for some time.

Mr. MacEachen: Well, Mr. Speaker, I will be certain to give my hon. friend advance notice so that he will not be caught off guard.

PROVINCIAL AFFAIRSMARITIMES UNION—FEDERAL PARTICIPATION
IN HEARINGS

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster): Mr. Speaker, since the dates for the hearings on Maritimes union have been announced, can the Acting Prime Minister say whether the federal government has given any consideration to holding a watching brief or making an appearance in another form during the course of these hearings?