

Suggested National Indian Day

Affairs and National Resources (Mr. Laing) for having launched a massive program to improve the economic and social conditions of the Indian people. I refer, Mr. Speaker, in particular to the program which will devote \$112 million in the next five years to this end, as announced by the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources.

I also wish to stress the fact that the government will be organizing a special program to honour the Indian people, their culture and their contribution to the history of Canada by erecting an Indian pavilion at Expo '67. This has already been announced in a special press release last month, and I am happy to state that the appointment of the chief of the Caughnawaga Indian Band Council has been approved as the Commissioner General of the Indians of Canada pavilion at Expo '67. Chief Delisle's primary responsibility will be to ensure that the Indians of Canada pavilion will be truly representative of the views and aspirations of the Indians and will give visitors from across Canada and from the entire world a faithful picture of Indian life and culture in this country.

Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria): Would the hon. member permit a question? May I ask him how many of our Indian people in British Columbia, in Nova Scotia and all across the country who are not close to Montreal will see this pavilion or have any part in it? It is a very good thing,

but how many of our Indian people will participate? The hon. member has one minute left, so can we vote?

Mr. Haidasz: In the programs and projects organized by the centennial committee I am happy to state that there are several Indian Affairs projects across Canada not only contemplated but already approved by the Indian bands. For example, I should like to mention a pictorial history of the Canadian Indians and a joint Canada-United States Indian conference in the summer of 1967. An Indian editors' conference has already been held and there will be other Indian projects, such as Indian powwows and the famous Canadian Indians exhibit at the Canadian National Exhibition.

Mr. Howard: Question.

Mr. Haidasz: All members have spoken in complimentary terms about the resolution presented to the house by the hon. member, and I have not heard any dissenting voice on this matter. However, Mr. Speaker, it is my opinion that this resolution should first of all be studied by the government and referred to the National Indian Advisory Board of Canada. May I call it six o'clock?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. The hour for the consideration of private members' business has expired.

At six o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.