

tions and the involvement of Canadian forces, particularly in regard to the Middle East, and that this was contingency thinking the minister was expressing yesterday? Can I assume that he did not in the course of his comments reject the position of his predecessor in respect of Viet Nam?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, it was an indication that we, as the hon. member says, assume as a task continued peacekeeping assistance. This responsibility will only arise once there has been political settlement. I think I did recognize that in my view it would be far more difficult to carry out effective peacekeeping in the Viet Nam area than in the UNEF area.

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CONSUMER AFFAIRS

INQUIRY AS TO INVESTIGATION OF CAR REPAIR INDUSTRY

Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey): Mr. Speaker, I wanted to direct a question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, but in his absence perhaps someone opposite would take notice of it. Having regard to the statement to the Quebec National Assembly by the president of the Automobile Protective Association, which was critical of the honesty and quality of the car repair industry and called for greater consumer protection, is the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs investigating or does it intend to investigate the car repair industry, as has been done in the United States?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I understand that the minister will be here tomorrow and I will see that the question is brought to his attention.

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FINANCE

AMOUNTS BORROWED BY PROVINCES FROM LOAN FUND— JOBS CREATED

Mr. Louis-Roland Comeau (South Western Nova): Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that a \$150 million loan fund has been provided to finance job-creating public works, will the Minister of Finance table the amounts each province has borrowed since his announcement prior to Christmas and indicate how many jobs have been created by this fund?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, the first part of the question is probably quite possible to answer. I think the second part might be fairly difficult because the provinces are treating the matter differently and we have to get the information from them. I should also indicate that the amount of the allocation we have decided upon is \$160 million rather than \$150 million.

Mr. Comeau: Mr. Speaker, has the department refused such loans to any province because of their proposals not being sufficiently job-creative?

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Mr. Benson: Mr. Speaker, I would have to take that question as notice in order to look at the individual consultations with the provinces.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

GUINEA—MASS EXECUTIONS—CANADIAN INITIATIVE FOR INVESTIGATION BY UNITED NATIONS

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Acting Prime Minister with reference to the mass executions in Guinea which have brought sharp protests from His Holiness the Pope and other world figures. Can he advise whether the government contemplates any initiative which might be helpful in bringing this matter under the purview of the appropriate United Nations body dealing with human rights?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, we have followed the events in Guinea with great interest. I am not quite sure whether we would take any action as a result of these studies, but I share the concern of the hon. member about mass executions of this kind. While we have not made any formal representations on the subject, I can assure him that we do not look with favour on any mass executions of this kind whether they take place in Guinea or wherever.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION ACT, 1970

PROVISIONS RESPECTING DEPARTMENTAL REORGANIZATION, MINISTRIES OF STATE, PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES, ETC.

The house resumed, from Wednesday, January 27, consideration of the motion of Mr. Drury (for the Prime Minister) that Bill C-207, respecting the organization of the government of Canada and matters related or incidental thereto, be read the second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington): Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to say a few words on this very important bill, Bill C-207, which has to do with the organization of the Government of Canada and matters related or incidental thereto. First, I must register two objections I have before proceeding with the main body of my remarks.

Once again, we have an omnibus bill presented to this House. It is sort of a grab bag, a mixed bag. This bill covers many subjects which are not particularly related. I most heartily agree with the remarks Your Honour made when deciding whether the omnibus bill should be allowed to proceed. At one point you mentioned that you