

Oral Questions

produce new amendments to the Unemployment Insurance Act in this particular session.

Mr. Alexander: Mr. Speaker, I have one last supplementary.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair recognizes the hon. member for Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton on a supplementary question.

● (1500)

DATE OF PROCEEDING WITH BILL C-125

Mr. Paul Dick (Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the President of the Privy Council. In view of the fact the government recognized the concern of Canadians during the October, 1972 election over the misuse of unemployment insurance funds and, indeed, introduced Bill C-125 to rectify the situation, and in view of the fact the Prime Minister of this country stated the bill would be debated and disposed of within a few weeks of February 3, 1973, can the minister advise when this long delayed legislation will be brought before the House for debate?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member knows, the House has already dealt with a measure having to do with the unemployment insurance fund. The second bill is still on the order paper. Consideration will be given to bringing it forward at an appropriate time.

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FINANCE

CONSIDERATION OF THESIS OF DR. DEUTSCH— GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. John Harney (Scarborough West): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Finance. It refers to the statement made last week by the former chairman of the Economic Council of Canada to the effect that Canada should reconsider its devotion to the growth of the gross national product in light of present economic thinking and conditions. Can the minister reassure this House and, therefore, the country that someone in his department is giving serious consideration to the thesis put forward by Dr. John Deutsch and many other leading thinkers in this country?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

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BROADCASTING

ADVERTISING ON CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS—POSSIBLE NEED FOR LEGISLATION TO IMPLEMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Communications whom I am glad to welcome back to the House after his trip abroad. Can the minister inform the House when the

[Mr. MacEachen.]

Canadian Radio and Television Commission intends to proceed with implementation of the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts with regard to advertising directed to children which was concurred in by the House on July 14 or does the minister share the view that legislation is necessary before the commission can comply?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Minister of Communications): Mr. Speaker, I should like to thank the hon. member for his courtesy in advising me around noon that he would ask me this question.

I have consulted the files and I believe that the decision of the Canadian Radio-Television Commission on this subject reflects several of the recommendations contained in the report which was tabled and sanctioned in this House. In my opinion the question of whether it is necessary to have legislation allowing the CRTC to go further, if such were its decision and the formal recommendation of the House, should be closely examined.

As for the second question, I should like the hon. member to give me a few days to reflect on it.

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[English]

SPORTS

FINANCING OF COLISEUM IN EDMONTON—FULFILLMENT OF GOVERNMENT OBLIGATION

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the fact the city of Edmonton and the province of Alberta have fulfilled their promise of helping to finance the cultural and sports coliseum in Edmonton, when can we expect the federal government to fulfil its obligation?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I am not sure whether the question is of such urgency that it should be asked as a verbal question at this time. If the minister can reply briefly, he will be recognized. This is the type of question which could easily be put on the order paper or considered at the time of adjournment. If the minister can reply briefly, he will be recognized for that purpose.

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I did not hear the last part of the hon. member's question.

Mr. Paproski: I want to know when the government is going to fulfil its obligation with regard to the cultural and sports coliseum in Edmonton.

Mr. Lalonde: I think Your Honour is right, the matter should be debated. There have been discussions with representatives of the city of Edmonton, but I do not know to which commitment the hon. member is referring.

Mr. Paproski: Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.