

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, February 16, 1971

The House met at 2 p.m.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

## COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

## ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION

First report of Special Committee on Environmental Pollution—Mr. Givens.

## VETERANS AFFAIRS

First and second reports of Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs—Mr. Legault.

## AGRICULTURE

Third report of Standing Committee on Agriculture—Mr. Beer.

[*Editor's note: For text of above reports see today's Votes and Proceedings.*]

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[*Translation*]

## PRIVILEGE

## MR. PEPIN—PRONUNCIATION OF NAME

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, before requesting permission to table a return, may I rise on a question of privilege?

Mr. Speaker, yesterday my name was pronounced in this chamber.

[*English*]

I do not mind being called "Jeen", "John" or "Jake", although I prefer to be called "Jean". I do not mind being called "Lac", "Luke" or "Luck", although I prefer being called "Luc". I do not mind being called "Piep-in", "Papin" or "Peppin" although I prefer being called "Pepin". The only name I resent is "Peep-in".

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Speaker:** The minister has not established the basis of his point of order or question of privilege. This is hardly a "pépin" (problem).

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## DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS

## TABLING OF DOCUMENT RESPECTING REGIONAL SEASONALLY ADJUSTED RATES OF UNEMPLOYMENT

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** In the same line of thought, Mr. Speaker, may I table a document issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and dealing with seasonally adjusted regional rates of unemployment?

[*English*]

## ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

## LABOUR CONDITIONS

## UNEMPLOYMENT—MEETING WITH PROVINCIAL AND MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVES ON PROJECTS TO PROVIDE WORK—TORONTO METRO CENTRE PROJECT

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister. In view of the seriousness of the unemployment problem and his concern about it and in view of the obvious difficulties of some cities and municipalities in getting projects under way, is it the intention of the government of Canada to meet with provincial and municipal representatives in order to iron out some of the existing difficulties and enable those projects to be undertaken? I refer specifically, of course, to conversations that took place in Toronto yesterday which exposed certain difficulties.

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, we are always anxious to meet with representatives of provincial governments or municipalities who want to discuss ways in which we can co-operate in combating unemployment. Several provinces and municipalities have taken advantage of the \$160 million that has been offered to them by way of loans in our December budget. Some have not. Obviously we are anxious to discuss with them what the advantages for them would be in using these funds to undertake projects which would create employment.

**Mr. Stanfield:** My question goes far beyond the loan fund of the government. Perhaps I might address a specific question to the Minister of Transport. Is the federal government now prepared to make the commitment requested by the city of Toronto with regard to subway and rail movement to enable the metro centre project to get off the ground and move forward?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that that particular aspect of the program is not necessarily or primarily the