Inquiries of the Ministry NATIONAL PARKS

BONNE BAY, NFLD.—REQUEST FOR REVIVAL OF SURVEY

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, on March 4 as recorded at page 6175 of *Hansard* I asked the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development a question with regard to the restart survey work on the proposed national park at Bonne Bay, Newfoundland, as requested by the Newfoundland government. The minister replied that they are considering the matter. I wonder whether he can advise me if a decision has been made.

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Yes, Mr. Speaker. We reached an agreement last week with the Premier of Newfoundland and we shall go ahead with the establishment of a park at Bonne Bay. Provincial authorities have given us a piece of land for the one they took over for the development of a mine, and they have committed themselves to build a road which will contribute to enhance the beauties of the national park.

[English]

VETERANS AFFAIRS

WOODS REPORT—PRESENTATION OF BRIEFS TO STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Jack McIntosh (Swift Current-Maple Creek): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Veterans Affairs. Will the various veterans organizations be given an opportunity to present briefs to the Committee on Veterans Affairs before the government or the minister declare what action if any is to be taken on the recommendations contained in the Woods report?

Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Veterans Affairs): Mr. Speaker, it is up to the members of the committee to decide what witnesses they will hear and what briefs they will receive. I hope and trust they will hear all associations which are interested in presenting briefs to the committee.

Mr. McIntosh: Mr. Speaker, possibly the minister did not hear the last part of my question. Will you give an opportunity to these government agents to present their briefs to the committee before you make your [Mr. Speaker.]

decision on what action will be taken on the recommendations.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member should direct the question to the Chair.

Mr. McIntosh: Mr. Speaker, I direct my question to the minister, through you.

Mr. Dube: Mr. Speaker, no decision will be made until the committee has reported. Before that time the committee will have heard all interested associations.

INDUSTRY

TASK FORCE REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENT

Mr. J. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct this question to the President of the Treasury Board. In view of the very slow rates of growth in industrial research and development expenditures over the last few years as reported yesterday by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics will the minister undertake now to tell the house when the task force review of government programs in respect of industrial research and development will be completed?

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, I would hope the review would be completed in the not too distant future. The particular programs to which the hon. gentleman has referred are now being looked at intensely by the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

Mr. Broadbent: Mr. Speaker, would the minister indicate to the house whether or not he will table the report.

Mr. Drury: Mr. Speaker, there will be a report made to the house on behalf of the government.

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Are both hon. members rising on a point of order?

Mr. Lundrigan: Mr. Speaker, with your indulgence and with the indulgence of the house, I wonder whether I could put my supplementary question which is very urgent.

Some hon. Members: No.