

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Lewis:** Mr. Speaker, I assume, and if I am wrong in my assumption the Prime Minister will correct me, that any program the government may announce will involve participation by other levels of government. In view of that, are any discussions taking place between the federal and provincial governments with respect to the content of that program?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, I will correct the assumption of the hon. member. It is wrong. There are many things the federal government can do on its own without provincial participation.

**Mr. Hees:** Then why do you not do them?

## UNEMPLOYMENT—SUGGESTED WINTER HOUSE BUILDING INCENTIVE PROGRAM

**Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants):** I have a supplementary question for the Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker. To create jobs, will the government revive the winter house building incentive program?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** No, Mr. Speaker. The programs we will announce will be made known and the hon. member can then judge whether, in his view, they are a resuscitation of previous programs or whether there is something new.

**Mr. Stanfield:** We cannot wait.

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[Translation]

## INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

**Mr. Roland Godin (Portneuf):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the hon. Minister of National Revenue.

In view of the Solicitor General's statement yesterday that the rehabilitation of 2,000 former inmates who have secured a job could yield \$1,300,000 in federal and provincial income taxes, could the Minister of National Revenue tell us how much income tax he is losing due to the 700,000 jobless in Canada?

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## AGRICULTURE

## PAYMENTS UNDER PRAIRIE FARM ASSISTANCE ACT TO FARMERS IN HAILED-OUT AREAS

**Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture. Since many areas have been hailed out and the Prairie Farm Assistance Act has not been phased out, will there be any inspections this year? Is the minister planning any inspection in order to help those areas?

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. There is no change in the inspections and in the payment levels for this year even though we are not collecting the levy, and there will not be any change, for the next crop year, in those areas where crop insurance is unavailable. But of course the same rules as have applied

in the past will apply to the basis upon which inspection is made this year.

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● (11:50 a.m.)

## THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

## UNITED STATES WAGE AND PRICE CONTROLS—POSSIBLE PARALLEL CANADIAN ACTION

**Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister in the absence of the Minister of Finance. Does the government intend to make a statement early next week on its assessment of the measures announced last night by President Nixon and whether consideration should be given to implementing in this country a system of wage and price controls parallel to that in the United States?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** I will take this matter up with the Minister of Finance.

**Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West):** May I ask the Prime Minister whether, in the light of the consideration which may have to be given to parallel action respecting wage and price controls, the scope of the forthcoming conference with the provinces will be enlarged to include this question inasmuch as the co-operation of the provinces is necessarily required?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, within the limits open to one in trying to answer a hypothetical question, I think that were the "if" to be substantiated the conclusion would probably follow.

## INFLATION—CONTINUATION OF PRICES AND INCOMES COMMISSION BEYOND DECEMBER 31—PUBLICATION OF WAGE AND PRICE CONTROL GUIDELINES

**Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate):** My question is directed to the Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker. Has the government decided to continue the role of the Prices and Incomes Commission beyond December 31 of this year and has a set of guidelines been established in connection with price and wage controls? Further, would the right hon. gentleman undertake to make any such guidelines known to the House of Commons and the public generally?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** If guidelines were to be established they would be made public in the House of Commons.

**Mr. Lundrigan:** Would the Prime Minister answer the first part of my question? Has the government made a conscious decision to continue the role of the Prices and Incomes Commission after December 31 of this year?

**Mr. Trudeau:** It is my recollection that the commission has been continued until the month of June next year. I will verify whether that is the case. I believe it is.