

Inquiries of the Ministry

appointment with the Prime Minister to discuss the very important matter of medical insurance, and have specified that they do not wish to meet the Minister of National Health and Welfare but rather the Prime Minister, has the Prime Minister found it possible to include them in his agenda in the near future?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I was under the impression they had given up asking me for such an appointment. I know of no recent request. I believe the request was made during the time of the recent federal-provincial conference and obviously I could not meet them then, but I have at all times suggested that they see the ministers responsible for this act and others. I believe that representatives of the Association have seen the Minister of National Health and Welfare twice and are going to see him again tomorrow, and I believe they have met as well with the Minister of Finance. The opposition will have to get used to the idea that we are not running a one-man show.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Hees: Mr. Speaker, I think the reason for the renewal of the request was that this body was impressed by the Prime Minister's continuing statements that he is anxious for more dialogue with the Canadian public.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

[*Translation*]

CRIMINAL CODE

RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF DEATH PENALTY

Mr. Bernard Dumont (Frontenac): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Justice.

Following the 69th murder committed in Montreal in 1969, does the minister intend to propose that the death penalty be re-enforced in Canada?

Mr. Speaker: It seems to me that the question put by the member has already been asked in the house a few days ago.

[*English*]

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT OF PROGRAM FOR BILINGUALISM

Mr. Ambrose Hubert Peddle (Grand Falls-White Bay-Labrador): Mr. Speaker, in view of the Prime Minister's statement that serious

cutbacks in expenditures are necessary to make possible the government's programs of bilingualism and regional development, will the government consider postponement of the bilingual program until such time as this program becomes reasonably and economically feasible without the serious curtailment of other government programs?

POSSIBILITY OF EXPANSION OF GOVERNMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the parliamentary assistant to the Secretary of State. I gave him notice of it some months ago and I am sure he is anxious to get it off his books. It concerns new Canadians taking courses in English and French. Is the government considering increasing aid in respect of these language courses for all new Canadians to the level awarded in support of the Czech refugees when they came here after the invasion last August?

Mr. Speaker: I would suggest to the hon. member that his question should be placed on the order paper.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

WOODS REPORT—REQUEST FOR TABLING AND REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE

Mr. John Burton (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, in view of the programs announced by the Minister of Veterans Affairs to be held in conjunction with the anniversary of D-day, will he consider making the commemoration of this event more meaningful by tabling the white paper dealing with recommendations of the Woods report by that date?

Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Veterans Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I answered this question very recently.

Mr. Burton: May we expect to have this report before the house rises for the summer recess?

Mr. Dubé: Mr. Speaker, I did answer that question in full last week.

Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, would the minister intervene with the Postmaster General on behalf of various veterans organizations which publish magazines and are now having difficulty in this regard, or are about to drop them, so that the members of these organizations will know what is going on in the veterans' world?