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**COMMUNICATIONS****SUGGESTED STUDY BY GOVERNMENT OF PROJECTS OF NORTHERN ELECTRIC COMPANY—STUDY OF COMPANY'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Communications.

The government having decided to suspend to Bell Canada rate increases for 90 days while it reviews the question and ask certain questions, and as Northern Electric seems to be a subsidiary of Bell Canada, can the minister tell us whether in the course of that special inquiry the government will ask questions about Northern Electric to find out what its profits are—which seem to be considerable?

**Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Minister of Communications):** I will consider the question, Mr. Speaker, but off hand I would say the answer seems to be negative since, as far as I know, the Northern Electric Company is not under the jurisdiction of the Canadian Transport Commission.

**Mr. Jean-Marie Boisvert (Drummond):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask a supplementary question.

Could the hon. minister tell the House whether the Canadian Transport Commission will examine the consolidated accounts of Bell Canada?

**Mr. Pelletier (Hochelaga):** I will look into the matter and advise the hon. member at a later date, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

**CONGRATULATIONS TO PEOPLE OF ROSS RIVER ON BUILDING TELEVISION STATION**

**Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Communications. Will he send a wire or message to the people of Ross River to congratulate them on their initiative in building their own television station despite technical experts' opinion that it could not be done and despite the fact that the Canadian Radio-Television Commission has ignored them?

[Translation]

**Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Minister of Communications):** Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of what the hon. member is referring to, but I hope he will inform me—

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[English]

**CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION****ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION AGAINST SENIOR CITIZENS—GOVERNMENT ACTION**

**Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe North):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the reported discrimination in regard to television and radio time by the CBC against two million Canadian senior citizens, would the minister take a look at this problem?

*Oral Questions*

[Translation]

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the question of my colleague, and while the CBC is not under my jurisdiction, I will certainly forward the member's remarks to my colleague, the Secretary of State, and we will discuss that point together.

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[English]

**SOCIAL SECURITY****INQUIRY AS TO REINTRODUCTION OF FAMILY INCOME SECURITY PLAN THIS SESSION**

**Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Reluctant as I am to believe that even this government could be so arrogant as to vote against motherhood, can the minister tell the House if it is his intention to reintroduce the family security plan before the session ends?

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, I do not think there is any question of arrogance. If the hon. member had been in the House over the last two months he would have heard me state very categorically several times that it was the intention of the government to introduce legislation on this subject—

**Some hon. Members:** When?

**Mr. Lalonde:**—during the course of this session.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Lalonde:** And may I say I hope he will support it when it comes before the House.

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**WAYS AND MEANS****REQUEST FOR ASSURANCE MOTION ON CORPORATION TAX OF MAY, 1972 WILL NOT BE CHANGED**

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Finance who will recall that following his budget of May, 1972, he tabled notice of a ways and means motion relating to the reduction of corporation taxes on profits from manufacturing and processing. Can the minister assure the House that the notice of ways and means motion that he proposes to put before the House on the same subject, following completion of the bills now before the House, will be in the same terms regarding corporate tax reductions on profits from manufacturing and processing?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, I replied to the hon. gentleman previously that he would just have to wait and compare the texts.