

now the government has given \$1.4 million for this program but another \$3.1 million will be added to that, making a \$4.5 million total.

### INDIAN AFFAIRS

#### HAY LAKES—ALLEGED MISUSE OF BAND FUNDS BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

**Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development for which I am sure he is waiting. I see him opening his music book. Can he reply to the question I asked yesterday and Friday with regard to the allegations about irregularities with regard to the Assumption Band resolutions at Hay Lakes?

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I did receive a telegram Friday from the chief concerned. I immediately ordered an investigation, and some officials of the Financial Branch of my department will go on the spot without delay in order to ascertain whether there have been irregularities.

The first report I received states that every expenditure has been approved by the band council. However, an official of my department will investigate more fully on the spot either today or tomorrow, or later this week.

[English]

**Mr. Baldwin:** A supplementary question. In view of the fact that some of the allegations, which are substantiated by affidavit, are that the chief and the band council signed resolutions in blank which were subsequently filled out by departmental officials, will the minister co-operate and facilitate the inquiry by the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development into these very serious charges, having in mind the position of unrest in which many Indians now find themselves in in this country?

[Translation]

**Mr. Chrétien:** Mr. Speaker, I am expecting a report from the officials of my department on that matter. As for my hon. friend's suggestion, I shall be pleased to study it, and I shall advise the House accordingly.

[English]

**Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the minister and ask him if the Auditor General and his staff have been called to investigate this discrepancy?

### Inquiries of the Ministry

[Translation]

**Mr. Chrétien:** Mr. Speaker, I am not familiar with that aspect of the administration.

[English]

### THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

#### ACQUISITION OF CANADIAN COACHWAYS BY GREYHOUND LINES

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Some weeks ago I asked him about the decision of the Canadian Transport Commission to approve the application of Greyhound Bus Lines of Chicago to acquire Canadian Coachways. The minister promised to look into the matter and to consider my request that the Canadian government intervene to prevent this takeover. Is the minister prepared to make any report to the House on what decision he has reached?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, there is a rather lengthy reply on this matter which I apologize I ought to have given to the hon. member earlier. If it is agreeable to him I will give it to him in writing now. If there are subsequent questions on it he can ask me at that time.

**Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** As a supplementary question may I ask the minister if, in looking over the transcript, he has read the briefs of some of the other bus companies which point out that the granting of this application to Greyhound will mean they will have a virtual monopoly, and will control 70 per cent of the bus mileage in western Canada, and if in the light of that the minister does not think this takeover should be prevented in order to maintain some competition?

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member's supplementary is an argument.

### POLLUTION

#### WRECKING OF TANKER "ARROW"—SIGNING BY CAPTAIN OF FORM AUTHORIZING SALVAGE ATTEMPT

**Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport and I hope you will bear with me briefly while I lay the groundwork for it. When the oil tanker *Arrow* grounded on Cerberus rock on Tuesday last, the salvage master at Halifax ordered the tug