

*Inquiries of the Ministry*RESUMPTION OF DEBATE ON DEPARTMENT OF  
INDUSTRY

On the orders of the day:

set up earlier, I imagine, if these negotiations had not been carried on. But I am hopeful that when the committee on procedure is set up—and I should like to move the motion to set it up right now if it could be done without debate—this matter can be considered by that committee.

**Mr. Churchill:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, the Secretary of State and house leader is attempting in these remarks he makes periodically to cast aspersions on the opposition.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Churchill:** The delay in this matter is solely his. If he would get busy at his job and get these committees set up they would be operating, but he is delaying his task. He will not let his whip meet without him sitting beside the whip or being right at his elbow. Let the whips of the parties get together and they will settle this thing within half an hour.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege, I believe it is against the rules of the house for one hon. member to make a personal attack on another. I would be the last member of this house to take refuge in that kind of point of privilege.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** I do intend to set the facts straight. I am a member of that committee duly appointed by this house and the hon. gentleman under the rules has no right to reflect on a decision of the house. If he understood the rules he would know that. I have as much right to attend that committee as any other member of the committee. It had only one meeting and the only absentee from that meeting was the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre. Furthermore, I might say that if he would keep a little closer to the elbow of his chief whip they would not disagree publicly in the press about this particular matter.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order.

**Mr. Churchill:** I am rising on a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** I would remind hon. members that the Speaker is here to protect all hon. members.

**Mr. Churchill:** On a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker, I request your protection against the personal attacks made upon me by the Secretary of State.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The hon. member for Simcoe East.

**Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to address my question to the Secretary of State. In his dual capacity as Secretary of State and government house leader, would he be able to indicate when he expects we might be able to resume the debate on the resolution preceding the legislation to establish a new department of industry?

**Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, I would hate to prevent it by prolonging my answer.

## NATIONAL PARKS

ESTABLISHMENT OF PARK AT LAKE COUCHICHING,  
ONT.

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe East):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources whether his department has any plans to establish a national park on Big Chief island in lake Couchiching? If consideration is being given to such action, has the department any plans to include in the park a memorial burial ground in memory of the Indians of that area who are buried there?

**Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources):** Mr. Speaker, at this time I have no knowledge of any such intention but I will take the question as notice and write my hon. friend.

(Translation):

## TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY

## REQUEST FOR EXTENSION IN MONTREAL AREA

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. L. J. Pigeon (Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put to the Minister of Public Works a question relating to the one I asked him earlier. Could the minister tell the house whether the federal government approves the project of the Quebec minister of highways regarding the extension of the trans-Canada highway in metropolitan Montreal?

**Hon. J. P. Deschatelets (Minister of Public Works):** Mr. Speaker, the officials of the provincial department of highways and of my department will be meeting very shortly. The plans will be submitted to us and then we will be in a position to reach a decision.