

Inquiries of the Ministry

have to pass through all stages, is that this should properly be part of the Broadcasting Act which is not expected, by reason of the committee not having yet reported, to be presented during this session of parliament.

The proposal to legislate by means of an item in the estimates is not intended to be a final solution. It is proposed that subsequently there will be a piece of legislation, and it certainly was my intention, and the government's, that a very full explanation would be given when the item was called in an attempt to live up to an undertaking, particularly to the province of Alberta which is desirous of getting on with educational television in 1967. If this does not meet the wish of parliament, however, and it would prefer to require the province of Alberta to wait until 1968, of course the item can be withdrawn, and at such time as there is legislative time available a bill can be brought forward. It was hoped all hon. members would appreciate the importance of creating facilities in order that the provinces might get on the air, particularly in the rather remote sections. This was an attempt to co-operate with the provinces.

Mr. Fairweather: The minister still has not answered why the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation cannot fulfil this function.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

RESEARCH**INQUIRY AS TO SUPPORT FOR HARP PROJECT**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam): May I direct a question to the Minister of Transport, who was designated by the Prime Minister on Friday to look after the communications satellite program. Has his attention been drawn to the fact that the McGill University space research institute is running out of money for its high altitude research program, generally referred to as HARP, and that the income from the federal government is to end on June 30? I wonder if the minister is aware of the fact some 20 per cent of the staff have already been laid off. In view of the Chapman report concerning the urgency of Canada getting into the satellite communication field, is the government giving any consideration to continuing its financial assistance to McGill University for HARP?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): I think perhaps I should clarify the matter. The HARP program is not concerned with communications at all. It is a research

[Miss LaMarsh.]

program and is engaged in research activities. The support that has been given to this project has been given through my colleague the Minister of Industry, and I believe any questions would be more properly directed to him.

Mr. Douglas: May I ask a supplementary question of the Minister of Industry. In view of the fact that HARP is not designed to deal with satellites but to put satellites into orbit, and in view of the fact the Chapman report says it is most urgent that Canada get into this field if it is not to lose its position, may I ask the minister if any consideration is being given to continuing financial assistance to the HARP program at McGill University.

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry): There is in the Chapman report a lengthy analysis of the HARP program itself, but the conclusion of that report is not such as to encourage me to recommend continuing financial support in view of other demands on research funds.

[Translation]

EDUCATION**ENCOURAGEMENT OF EXCHANGES BETWEEN FRENCH SPEAKING UNIVERSITIES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Saturday night, he made this statement before the officers of the Junior Chamber of Commerce:

The Canadian government will contribute \$50,000 to partly or wholly French speaking universities.

Could the minister tell us whether Canadian universities interested in spreading or teaching French will benefit by this contribution?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, this grant of \$50,000 will go toward the establishment of a private organization known as the A.U.P.E.L.F., that is the Association des universités partiellement ou entièrement de langue française. The objective of this organization, made up of representatives of universities of several countries, is to foster the exchange of teachers and students among all French speaking countries.

Mr. Caouette: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question. Would the minister be in a position to tell us whether the same principle