

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of the Environment):** Mr. Speaker, a new plan is under active consideration. However, it is not likely to be introduced until next year.

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**CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS****POSSIBLE DOWNGRADING OF FREIGHT SERVICE  
BETWEEN STRATFORD AND SARNIA**

**Hon. J. W. Monteith (Perth-Wilmot):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Minister of Transport. Would the minister inquire of Canadian National Railways whether or not any changes are being contemplated in the upcoming fall timetable which would further downgrade service in western Ontario, particularly freight service between Stratford and Sarnia? As such a move would undoubtedly cause further lay-offs in the area, would the minister use his persuasive powers to try to prevent any further deterioration of such services?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to take note of the question and to get an answer for the hon. member.

**PROGRESS IN DETERMINATION OF CASE INVOLVING  
REFUSAL TO PAY FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE**

**Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Justice. Since the minimum wage is still not being paid in Canadian National hotels across the nation, can the minister say what progress has been made in reaching a final determination of the case involving Jasper Park Lodge and as to the certification of a group of employees under federal legislation?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, the hon. member knows that there is a certiorari action against the board before the Alberta Supreme Court. I have asked, through counsel, for this case to be accelerated.

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**JUDGES ACT****RESUMPTION OF DEBATE ON AMENDING BILL—  
SUGGESTED AMENDMENT CONCERNING  
SUPERNUMERARY JUDGES FOR SUPREME COURT OF  
CANADA**

**Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Justice. I think I can ask it succinctly. When will the Judges Act come before the House again? Will he include in the Judges Act an amendment to cover supernumerary judges of the Supreme Court because of the large backlog before the Supreme Court of Canada and the overworking of the judges?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, I have had some conversations with the House leader and with other leaders of the House. I understand there is a possibility that the bill may come forward on Friday afternoon. As for the point about the Supreme Court, the question of supernumerary judges as they affect the

Supreme Court was dealt with fully in committee. I gave reasons why I did not feel we could contemplate that amendment. As for the work load of the Supreme Court of Canada, the hon. member will recall that when we were last talking about the Supreme Court Act in the House I suggested that it was inevitable that the court would have to be given the means to control its own roll through the introduction of an amendment to the Supreme Court Act whereby all cases would go before the Supreme Court of Canada by way of leave only.

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**UNITED NATIONS****CANADIAN ACTION TO ACHIEVE REPRESENTATION FOR  
MAINLAND CHINA AND TAIWAN**

**Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough):** Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Secretary of State for External Affairs on the subject of universality of membership in the United Nations in which he is a believer. Can he advise if our delegation is making efforts in the General Assembly to bring about a situation whereby the people of Mainland China and Taiwan will both be represented in that body by delegates of their *de facto* governments?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member knows, Canada has a one-China policy. We consider that there is only one question immediately before the United Nations and that is who speaks for China, who occupies the China seat? The question of the future of Taiwan is a matter for the future to decide.

**CANADIAN ACTION TO ACHIEVE FORMULA FOR  
PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF WAR OR  
CIVIL STRIFE**

**Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Fundy-Royal):** Mr. Speaker, my question is also for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Will the Canadian delegation to the General Assembly keep pushing as a matter of the highest priority the acceptance of a formula by that body for providing food, medicine and other assistance to the innocent victims of war or civil strife?

• (3:00 p.m.)

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, this is the government's policy. In so far as these items come before the United Nations or if we can take the initiative, I can assure hon. members that the Canadian government will be supporting them strongly.

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**CANADA ELECTIONS ACT****PRESENTATION OF AMENDMENTS THIS SESSION IN  
LIGHT OF COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the President of the Privy Council in his capacity as government House