

*Oral Questions*

between the minister and Mr. Morris as to whether consultations will be begun at that date, or will that depend upon the ending of the collective agreements which will carry on past that date, which means there will not be any effective consultation for at least another year?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, I should indicate that the leadership of the labour movement has just had an opportunity to read the statement made by the Minister of Finance yesterday. After they have had an opportunity to study all the implications of that statement, I will be more than anxious to consult with them to see if they are prepared to meet again and to enter into discussions relative to certain advancements we wish to proceed with relative to the omnibus bill on the Labour Code, of which the hon. member is well aware, and other initiatives of the government relative to easing the burden on the unemployed in this country.

REASON FOR CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE TOWARD  
ENDING CONTROLS

**Mr. John A. Fraser (Vancouver South):** Mr. Speaker, on August 31 the minister said: "In the absence of agreement on voluntary restraint the government intends to keep the controls in force". In view of the fact that there is no agreement for restraint on the part of labour, what caused the government to change its mind?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour):** I think it is clear what the policy of the government now is. We feel that the inflationary situation is very serious, and it has a severe impact on the organized worker. The treatment we are affording the problem is not one with which the leadership of the CLC agrees. However, as the hon. member may know, it certainly has a large degree of support amongst the rank and file, if the Gallop polls in which the hon. member and his party seem to have considerable faith, are any indication. Our approach is supported in various sectors as far as workers are concerned.

Now that we have indicated we are prepared to move into a decontrol period in April of next year, I hope that we can enter into further discussions with the labour movement relative to controlling the inflationary situation after we move into decontrol and after we are completely out of controls. Those discussions would concern the interests of labour, the business community and those of the government. That being the case I cannot see why we will not be able to get discussions underway again soon.

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FINANCE

POSSIBILITY OF REMOVING CAPITAL GAINS TAX—  
GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Mr. Jake Epp (Provencher):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Finance. In view of the fact that succession duties and capital gains taxes mitigate

[Mr. Fraser.]

against the acquisition of family farms or family owned businesses by family members, does the minister intend to take the lead of the newly elected government in Manitoba, which has committed itself to the removal of succession duties? Would the minister indicate whether he favours the removal of capital gains taxes as a result of transfers of family farms or of small family owned businesses to close family members so that young Canadians especially will be able to carry on with the enterprises of their families?

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, I made my announcement regarding tax measures yesterday. Any new suggestions by any hon. member will be taken into consideration, and when I present a budget I will deal with those suggestions at that time.

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[Translation]

**Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):** Mr. Speaker, my question of privilege has to do with the broadcasting of last night's sitting after eight o'clock on the CBC French network. The millions of dollars which were authorized by the Parliament of Canada for broadcasting the debates should serve the whole of the people. To do that it is essential that when a minister has a statement to make which is as important in nature as the one that was made last night by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Chrétien) entitled *Economic and Fiscal Statement* the period of live broadcasting by CBC should be extended for as long as necessary to allow a representative of every party democratically represented in this House to make his point of view known on the minister's statement. Now, last night, the live broadcasting by CBC enabled Canadians to see and hear the Minister of Finance, the financial critic of the official opposition, and for a few minutes the representative of the New Democratic Party. Unfortunately, the public was unable to see and hear the representative of the Social Credit Party who also had interesting things to say. That injustice vis-à-vis our party shows that the media people want to continue to make Canadians believe that there are only three active parties in this House. It is a form of injustice against which I take strong exception, and I ask the chair to have the matter referred to the committee of the House appointed to supervise the broadcasting of the debates. I warn this House that a repetition of injustices of this kind will not be likely to promote good harmony in this House as well as national harmony. We have people to serve and we do intend to use the same tools as the other parties in this House to discharge our responsibilities. Parliament and Crown corporations must set the example in practicing justice. I hope we will not have to come back on this again. I hope the point is well noted.

**Mr. Pinard:** If I may be allowed to make a short comment at this point, Mr. Speaker, I want to point out that the terms of reference handed down to the committee appointed to supervise the implementation of radio and television broadcasting of the proceedings of the House and its committees provided for the introduction of television in this House with-