

Inquiries of the Ministry

according to the press this morning. But if we adjourn after interim supply, when we return after the events to which my hon. friend referred we could carry on with the rest of the business that is considered essential.

Mr. Knowles: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Where does the legislation regarding the Canada Development Corporation now stand?

Mr. Pearson: That is important legislation, and I hope we will be able to dispose of the bill before this session finishes all its work. But that may be out of my control.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Hon. D. S. Harkness (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question to the government house leader. When does he intend to bring forward the supplementary estimates of the Department of Veterans Affairs so the house may agree to them?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, we worked out an arrangement with the other house leaders with respect to the sequence of the estimates, and it was understood that following the finance estimates we would deal with external affairs and then defence. We would be prepared following that to deal with any other department, including veterans affairs.

Hon. George Hees (Northumberland): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Prime Minister. Will the date of parliament's return be set before parliament adjourns for that certain event, or will it be set by the new prime minister when he is chosen?

Mr. Pearson: Oh no, Mr. Speaker, it should be set for quite early in April.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Gilles Grégoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, I wish to put a question to the right hon. Prime Minister.

Could he tell us whether Bill No. C-186 is still on the government list of priority measures to be passed this session?

[*English*]

INQUIRY FOR RETURN

On the orders of the day:

Hon. R. A. Bell (Carleton): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the parliamentary secretary to the Secretary of State. On [Mr. Pearson.]

November 1, 1967 an address was passed for documents in relation to the control of pollution in the Ottawa river, and on December 20, 1967, a further address for documents in relation to the development of the national capital area. I wonder whether the hon. gentleman would see what can be done to expedite the tabling of these documents.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Albert Béchard (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I will look into it immediately. I am advised that we have asked for authorization to table those documents.

[*English*]

AIR CANADA**WINNIPEG—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON OVERHAUL BASE**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. L. R. Sherman (Winnipeg South): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Transport. In view of the minister's triumphant week end on the prairies, and particularly in Winnipeg, is he now in a position to ice the cake by announcing his plans for the future of the Winnipeg air base and the government's regional air policy?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I shall continue to make every effort to reach a satisfactory solution. It is not possible to make an announcement at this time, but I can assure my hon. friend that a great deal of time and effort is being expended to make an announcement at the earliest possible date.

INDIAN AFFAIRS**INQUIRY AS TO REDUCTION IN HEALTH SERVICES FUNDS**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. As a result of the financial crisis faced by the government of Canada, are funds for Indian health services in the provinces being curtailed on the same scale as those in respect of northern health services for Indians and Eskimos in the Yukon and Northwest Territories?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to take this question as notice.