

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Friday, February 7, 1969

The house met at 11 a.m.

### ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I have the honour to inform the house that a message has been received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate has passed Bill S-27, an act respecting the Quebec Savings Bank, to which the concurrence of this House is desired.

#### FISHERIES AND FORESTRY

Fifth report of the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Forestry—Mr. Crossman.

*[Editor's Note: For text of above report see Votes and Proceedings.]*

#### DOMINION-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

TABLING OF CORRESPONDENCE ON AGENDA—  
EXCHANGE OF TELEGRAMS WITH  
PRAIRIE PREMIERS

**Right Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to table two sets of correspondence. The first is an exchange of correspondence and telegrams with the several provincial premiers concerning items to be included in the agenda of the constitutional conference next week. The second is an exchange of telegrams with the prairie premiers following on their meetings of last week. Included are my answers on various subjects they talked about.

### ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

#### EXHIBITIONS

MAN AND HIS WORLD—CONSIDERATION OF  
QUEBEC PROPOSAL

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask the Prime Minister whether his government has considered the financial proposal reportedly made by the government of Quebec concerning the continuation of Terre des Hommes.

Would the Prime Minister indicate any decision his government may have reached?

**Right Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** No, Mr. Speaker. I only saw the telegram from Quebec City this morning, suggesting some form of federal assistance. We will give very careful consideration to it, Mr. Speaker, in due course.

#### THE MINISTRY

INQUIRY CONCERNING NEW MINISTRY OF  
HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

**Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. Is it the intention of the government to establish a separate ministry of housing and urban development as recommended by the task force on housing and to appoint the present Minister of Transport as the new minister of that department?

A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Probably the Prime Minister did not hear my question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Right Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** I did not think the hon. member was serious in asking the question. Obviously we cannot appoint a minister to a department which has not been created.

**Mr. Gilbert:** That is why I thought he missed the first part of my question. Is it the intention of the government to appoint a separate ministry as recommended by the task force on housing?

**Mr. Trudeau:** We are not considering the question, Mr. Speaker. We are waiting for a memorandum from the Minister of Transport, which he said he would send to cabinet.

**Mr. Gilbert:** This question is directed to the Minister of Transport. In view of the statement that the government is preparing recommendations and legislation to be ready within three weeks, when is it the intention of the minister to bring that legislation forward?

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport):** As the Prime Minister just stated, it will be