

So there is no contradiction with what the minister says is the kind of policy we are looking at.

Mr. Douglas: In view of the screening mechanism recommended by the Minister of National Revenue, and the fact that U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Connally, yesterday was again upbraiding Canada for its position on trade matters, may I ask the Prime Minister if this modification of the government's program with respect to foreign ownership is related to the dispute which is now going on with the United States respecting trade matters?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, it is difficult to see how the hon. member can talk about the modification of a program of which he knows nothing.

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Prime Minister. Has he any intention to amend his statement carried on national television news last night in view of the remarks of Secretary Connally immediately before him?

Mr. Trudeau: The one about the opposition shaking in their boots every time America talks, Mr. Speaker?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. MacInnis: Mr. Speaker—

Some hon. Members: Order!

Mr. Speaker: Is the hon. member rising on a point of order?

Mr. MacInnis: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: I will recognize him on a point of order, but again I bring to the attention of hon. members that we have not yet completed the first round of questioning and the hon. member for Bellechasse is still waiting to ask the first question on behalf of his group. The hon. member is seeking the floor on a point or order?

Mr. MacInnis: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. MacInnis: I was under the impression that I had the floor, Mr. Speaker. My point of order arises from a ruling you have made on several earlier occasions which does not allow the Prime Minister to ask questions of opposition backbenchers.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

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LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM—ACCEPTANCE OF PROJECTS SUBMITTED BEFORE JANUARY 31, 1972

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the hon. Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration.

Further to his reply of February 28 to the question put by my colleague the hon. member for Portneuf (Mr.

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Godin) to the effect that there were still \$4 million for distribution, but that this does not mean that applications exceed funds available, I should like to ask him whether projects submitted before January 31, 1972 will be accepted promptly and whether promoters will be informed in the near future.

[English]

Mr. Ray Perrault (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Manpower and Immigration): I understand the Minister of Labour is prepared to answer this question, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Martin P. O'Connell (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, all of the projects that are going to be approved have now been identified. The department is in the final stages of notifying the applicants and writing contracts with them. This will take a little while, but the identification process has been completed.

[Translation]

LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM—CRITERIA RESPECTING DATE OF PRESENTATION OF PROJECTS

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary.

In view of the confusion prevailing as to certain points concerning the date for submission of projects, may I ask whether the regulations stipulate that the project must reach the regional office of a province by January 31 or whether the approval date, in the case of Quebec for instance, can be January 31 even though the project reaches the regional office on February 1 or 2?

[English]

Hon. Martin P. O'Connell (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I think the rule is quite clear that the project should have arrived on the desks of the Department of Manpower by January 31 in order to be fair to all applicants across Canada. If the hon. gentleman has any specific case that merits any special consideration I would listen to him, but I would not want to give him too much encouragement at this time.

LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM—SUGGESTED EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION OF PROJECTS

Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville): Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact there have been a number of undue delays in the processing and final approval of projects, and I might say desirable projects, under the LIP program, which in turn has caused delays in the commencement and the final completion of projects, making it difficult to meet the May 31 deadline, is the government giving any consideration to extending the deadline in such extenuating circumstances in order that communities may take advantage of the program?

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Hon. Martin P. O'Connell (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, no particular consideration is being given to that question. However, I want to assure the hon. member that the program is under constant review and if any special circumstances are discovered with respect to special