

Inquiries of the Ministry

the hon. member has a supplementary, the Chair will come to him in a moment.

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PENITENTIARIES**MILLHAVEN—EXTENT OF DAMAGE BY INMATES IN DISTURBANCE**

Mr. A. D. Alkenbrack (Frontenac-Lennox and Addington): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Solicitor General on a subject which has aroused public opinion regarding certain happenings in our penal system. Can the minister inform the House and give his assessment of the extent of damage done by certain inmates of Millhaven penitentiary last week when in a reported protest or strike they wilfully destroyed an estimated \$4,000 worth of federal property in that new prison?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, I shall be happy to look into this matter.

[English]

Mr. Alkenbrack: In view of the minister's new but ill-advised policy of full wages for inmates, will he not deduct the amount of damages from their wages?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre.

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NATIONAL CAPITAL COMMISSION**INQUIRY AS TO CONTRACT WITH PINKERTON AGENCY RESPECTING SERVICES NOW PERFORMED BY CORPS OF COMMISSIONAIRES**

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of State for Urban Affairs. On Thursday, May 4, I asked the minister if the National Capital Commission has made a contract, or is considering the making of a contract, with the Pinkerton Agency, a subsidiary of an American firm, for the provision of services in the national capital area now provided by the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires. Is the minister now in a position to answer my question?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): Mr. Speaker, when the hon. member asked the question I sent for a report but apparently it has not come yet. I will get it immediately for the hon. member.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings has a supplementary.

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INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Prime Minister following the question put by the hon. member

[Mr. Speaker.]

for Peace River. Could the Prime Minister outline to the House the specific nature of any deadline which the government seems at breakneck pace to be trying to attain by the end of the week?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the only deadline we have in mind is that if the old age pensioners—I do not know if it applies to veterans—are to receive their increased payments by the end of June rather than waiting another full month to the end of July we will have to pass that bill in all stages by the end of this week. Of course, if the opposition wants to take upon itself—

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Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Lisgar.

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Mr. Murta: Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of State—

Mr. Hees: It is going to be automatic on election day.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Lisgar has waited 40 minutes to ask a question and he should be given a chance to do it now.

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FINANCE**INQUIRY AS TO POSSIBLE TAX CHANGES AFFECTING AGRICULTURE**

Mr. Jack Murta (Lisgar): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of State about the inter-governmental committee which has been set up to deal with tax changes as they relate to agriculture. Is the minister now in a position to inform the House what some of the changes are at which this committee is at present looking?

• (1530)

Hon. P. M. Mahoney (Minister of State): No, Mr. Speaker, I am not.

Mr. Murta: Will the committee that the Minister of State is associated with be looking at changes involving certain aspects of the capital gains tax and certain aspects of the basic herd allowance which pertain to agriculture?

Mr. Mahoney: Mr. Speaker, the hon. member can certainly bring those matters to the attention of the committee if he so wishes.