

*Business of the House*

House how soon his colleague, the Minister of National Health and Welfare, will be addressing, through legislation, the incredible and shockingly serious situation?

**Mr. Riis:** Madam Speaker, my question is to the President of the Privy Council and government House leader. It refers to the Small Business Development Bond which was to be the leverage for providing funding to small businesses of an unincorporated nature and farmers. As we know, that bill has been gutted. Will the minister indicate to this House whether the government will fulfil its promise to expand the small business development bond with an emphasis on development? Will he indicate when that measure will come in and if, in fact, it will be available to firms and farmers other than those in dire straits or who are going into bankruptcy?

**Mr. Keeper:** Madam Speaker, I have a question for the government House leader and President of the Privy Council. I hope that he not only takes notice of this question but will take some action on it. Previous federal budgets have promised investment in the area of urban transit, an action that would provide significant employment at a time when there is a high level of unemployment. When will the minister be bringing forth legislation in this House that will provide for a comprehensive plan of investment in urban transit across this country?

**Mr. Waddell:** Madam Speaker, my question concerns the freedom of information act which the government is stalling in committee. Could the minister tell the House when the government proposes to bring that measure out of committee and into the House for final reading so we in the opposition can obtain some information as to why there is no industrial strategy, or why the industrial strategy has been rejected in Canada to solve Canada's very serious unemployment problem? Will the minister tell us when he expects that freedom of information act to come back to the House so that we may get that required information on the government's failure to act on unemployment?

**Mr. Rose:** I have a question relating to unemployment insurance and how farm workers are treated by that legislation. Section 16 requires them to work for the same employer for 25 days in order to qualify. This does not apply to plumbers or carpenters. Will the government House leader ask the Minister of Employment and Immigration when he intends to amend Section 16—

**Madam Speaker:** Order. That is not government business.

**Mr. Sargeant:** Madam Speaker, I would like to ask the government House leader if he can tell the House when the government will bring before the House the long promised revisions to UIC regulations? In particular, I am concerned about the unfairness of the regulations as they apply to freshwater fishermen who often reach their quotas before they have the particular number of days necessary to qualify for unemployment insurance. Would the government House leader tell

us when legislation concerning this will be brought before the House?

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**ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE****POLICING AGREEMENT WITH GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**

**Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General):** Madam Speaker, during the question period I was asked to produce and table an agreement and I agreed to do so. I understood that the agreement to which the hon. member who asked the question was referring, was the policing contract between the province of British Columbia and the federal government. He subsequently sent me a note indicating that in fact he was referring to an agreement between Olson and the "E" Division of the RCMP.

I am prepared to table the policing contract between the government of British Columbia and the federal government. In fact, I think that that document may already have been tabled. However, I am not prepared to table the agreement which the hon. member asked for in his note. I have not seen the blues and I am not certain whether he made it clear.

**Mr. Clark:** Abundantly.

**Mr. Kaplan:** If he was referring to the agreement between Olson and "E" Division of the RCMP, my position on that is simply that that agreement is part of the provincial policing service and control over it is in the hands of the British Columbia government, and in particular in the hands of the attorney general of that province.

Although I have a copy of that agreement, if I took any other position and made it public, I believe I would be undermining the administration of justice in that province.

**Hon. Allan Lawrence (Durham-Northumberland):** Madam Speaker, in relation especially to the quality and the relevance of the Solicitor General's (Mr. Kaplan) answers in the House over the last couple of years, I always had the impression that he was often in dreamland during question period and he certainly proved that today.

My question specifically related to the Olson RCMP agreement. As a matter of fact, I referred to certain clauses of the policing agreement to point out that it was under the strict supervision and control of the Government of Canada in relation to internal police services, especially the management of provincial police services and the administration and application of police procedures in British Columbia.

As a matter of fact, I was very careful with my wording and I emphasized it a couple of times. The very last section of my question to the Solicitor General was: "Would the Solicitor General summarize the important parts of the agreement the RCMP made with Olson and immediately table that agreement?" That was the end of my question. The Solicitor General then stood up and indicated, I thought within the