

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Pearson: I will do that, Mr. Speaker, and I will also do my best, with the help of members on the other side of the house, to see that when questions are raised the members who raised them will be here, too.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Korchinski: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. It seems to me this is not a proper discussion. The question was raised by the hon. member for Mackenzie and a reply was given. It seems to me the matter should be considered closed. It is developing into a debate on whether questioners are here to pose questions at ten o'clock and ministers are here to answer the questions posed. The rules are there, and I believe there is no point whatsoever in pursuing the discussion on this matter.

Mr. Korchinski: In reply to my question, Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister indicated that ministers are always available. I should like to know why the minister was not available last night.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Bow River.

SPORTS**FEDERAL SUPPORT FOR APPLICATION FOR OLYMPIC GAMES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Bow River): I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister. I wonder if he would advise the house whether any member of his government, any official from the Department of External Affairs or any other official is attending the meeting in Rome of the international committee which is deciding whether Canada should get the winter games at Banff.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Yes, Mr. Speaker. I should like to check, but I have been informed that an official from Ottawa and our ambassador are both attending this meeting. I should add, if I may, that the Minister of National Health and Welfare will be in Rome. I believe he is leaving this afternoon, and he will be there also.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**SITTING THIS DAY WITHOUT LUNCHEON ADJOURNMENT**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario): I should like to ask a question of the government house

[Mr. Aiken.]

leader. A situation has developed whereby a number of members who wish to speak in the budget debate will be precluded from doing so because we have agreed to terminate this debate at six o'clock today. In order to give these members, or as many of them as possible, an opportunity to speak I wonder if the government house leader would seek the unanimous consent of the house to sit during the luncheon period.

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works): I would be happy to make such a request so there would be an opportunity for hon. members who wish to participate in the debate to do so. I hope they can make their remarks brief. I ask for an order of the house now.

Mr. Speaker: Does the house so order?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

LABOUR RELATIONS**TRUCKING INDUSTRY—REQUEST FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF 40 HOUR WEEK**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario): I wish to ask a question of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour, in absence of the minister. I should like to ask whether the government is prepared to introduce an amendment to the 40-hour week legislation so that all those who are engaged in the inter-provincial motor transport industry can be covered by this legislation?

Mr. B. S. Mackasey (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Labour): I believe the minister replied adequately to this question on several occasions last week, if the hon. member for Ontario would refer to *Hansard*. In any event I will bring it to his attention when he returns on Monday.

DEFENCE PRODUCTION**CONTRACT FOR REPAIR AND REFIT OF H.M.C.S. "BONAVENTURE"**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Albert): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Industry. Has a formal contract announcement been made regarding the *Bonaventure* repairs? If not, when can we expect this announcement?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry): An announcement has not been made, Mr. Speaker, but I expect it will be shortly.