

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

Immigration Appeal Board and allegedly 200,000 aliens living in Canada illegally, will the minister table a white paper on immigration as quickly as possible, if he has one, or bring in legislation to curb this kind of activity?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** The proposed amendments to the immigration law will, of course, attempt to deal with the administrative difficulties which exist. I must say, however, that the suggestion of 200,000 illegal immigrants is complete guesswork.

REGULATIONS COVERING EMPLOYMENT OF ARTISTS—  
REQUEST FOR CHANGE

**Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West):** I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. He has indicated to the House that it might be some time before there are substantial changes made to the Immigration Act. I have been after the hon. gentleman for some time about changes in the regulations which would allow reasonable reciprocity in terms of temporary employment of artists, and men in other vocations, in Canada under the present regulations, but who are denied similar privileges—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Will the hon. member ask the question. It is a complicated question, if it is a question.

**Mr. Rose:** I was trying to lay the basis for my question, Mr. Speaker. I should like to ask the minister now whether he can give the house some indication when he might use his authority to alter the regulations to prevent this kind of loophole which is causing considerable difficulty among Canadian creative people.

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** What the hon. member regards as loopholes some other people at least do not, but we are looking at the question of what we can do under the existing legislation, and there is certainly a possibility that we may attempt to proceed with changes in the regulations prior to the enactment of legislation.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. We have just about reached the end of the question period. Perhaps we might try to have two or three more questions before the end. I doubt that we will have time for further supplementary questions on this subject.

**Mr. Rose:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. The same answer has been coming from the minister for possibly two years. He has been looking at it for two years. When will he bring in the regulations?

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

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[Translation]

## MANPOWER

LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM—APPLICATIONS FROM  
MUNICIPALITIES—NUMBER OF JOBS CREATED

**Mr. Henry Latulippe (Compton):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration.

Would he tell the House how much use is made of the Local Initiatives Program? Are the municipalities taking advantage of the benefits offered by the government? Are many jobs created through those programs?

[English]

**Mr. Speaker:** The minister may reply briefly to the question. Because it is so general in nature, it seems to me that it should be answered by way of a statement on motions. However, if the minister can reply to it quickly, we will go on to the next question.

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, perhaps in due course I will be able to give a report which would be more satisfactory to the hon. member.

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## CAPE BRETON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

INQUIRY AS TO EFFECTIVE DATE FOR PAYMENT OF  
RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES

**Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond):** I have a question for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. In 1967 Parliament passed legislation setting up the Cape Breton Development Corporation, section 18 of which dealt in part with former employees.

**Mr. Guay (St. Boniface):** Don't read.

**Mr. MacInnis:** I knew that somebody would fall for it some day. This is a blank piece of paper. It would be the hon. member for St. Boniface who would open his big mouth at the wrong time. This is a blank page.

Section 18 of that act dealt with a portion of the petition placed before Parliament.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I suggest that hon. members should give the hon. member an opportunity to ask his question and then give an opportunity to the minister to reply. The hon. member for Cape Breton-East Richmond has the floor.

**Mr. MacInnis:** The subject matter of section 18 in the petition placed before Parliament was studied by the Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs. My question to the minister is as follows: Now that the Devco authorities have partially complied with section 18 A(ii) of the act, can the minister indicate whether the allowances which have been increased to \$75 a month, less the Canada Pension Plan payments, for over 40 years of service will be retroactive to the date the legislation came into force or will they be paid on the basis of the dates of the individual retirements?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** I suppose the hon. member is asking me for a legal opinion, and I cannot give it at this time.

**Mr. MacInnis:** I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I take strong exception to the minister stating that I am asking for a legal opinion from him or, for that matter, from anybody on the government side. He and I know it is