

Inquiries of the Ministry

oil would under that proposal not pass through any foreign country. That is all I know.

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[Translation]

YOUTH**OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—AVAILABILITY OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS**

Mr. Roland Godin (Portneuf): Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask a question to the Secretary of State.

Does he intend to grant additional funds for the Opportunities for Youth Program in order to give satisfaction to a greater number of students who are disappointed when their projects are rejected?

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): No, Mr. Speaker.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS**FRIENDSHIP CENTRES—PROVISION OF FUNDS**

Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the hon. Secretary of State.

[English]

Yesterday, the hon. member for Athabasca and I asked the right hon. Prime Minister about the situation concerning the Toronto Indian centre and other Indian centres across the country which are saying that promised funds have been held up and they have had to close their doors. The Prime Minister said he would refer the question to the minister. Is the minister now in a position to explain the situation?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Yes, Mr. Speaker, we have taken emergency measures and I believe that some funds will be received tonight by these friendship centres which find themselves in the most difficult situations; anyway, the government is now considering a larger proposal, involving the whole question.

[English]

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES—RESPONSE TO REQUEST BY NATIVE BROTHERHOOD FOR FUNDS TO REHIRE STAFF

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Secretary of State with respect to the lack of funding of the Northwest Territories Native Brotherhood and the fact that they have had to lay off half their staff as a result. Has the minister received representations to this effect from the brotherhood and, if so, will he make funds available forthwith so they can rehire their staff?

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[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I do not know whether we have any representation from

[Mr. Sharp.]

the particular group to which the hon. member refers. I will conduct an inquiry without delay. This government is certainly not willing to let these institutions have overwhelming difficulties.

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[English]

CANADA LABOUR CODE**CONSTITUTIONALITY OF AMENDMENT DEFINING FISHERMEN AS INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS—POSSIBLE CLARIFICATION**

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Labour concerning Bill C-183. In view of the fact that the Fisheries Council of Canada contends that clause 107(1) of the bill defining fishermen as independent contractors and employees is ultra vires of the parliament of Canada, since this is legislation relating to property and civil rights which are wholly within the jurisdiction of the provinces, is the minister aware of this and has he had an opportunity to discuss the matter with the law officers of the Crown?

Hon. Martin P. O'Connell (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I have not read the submission of the Fisheries Council. I have been aware in the past that the section, in the minds of some, lacks constitutionality, and I simply point out that in the view of the department it is a constitutional provision. That is why it is in the legislation.

Mr. Alexander: Mr. Speaker, in light of the fact that there appears to be legislation dealing with labour contracts and negotiations in the provinces of British Columbia, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, and in light of the submission made by the Fisheries Council which indicates that the government and the council are at loggerheads, is it the intention of the government to seek clarification as to the constitutional validity of the clause involved?

Mr. O'Connell: No, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS**CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT ACT, 1972****AMENDMENTS TO CRIMINAL CODE, CRIMINAL RECORDS ACT, NATIONAL DEFENCE ACT, PAROLE ACT AND VISITING FORCES ACT**

The House resumed, from Tuesday, May 16, consideration of the motion of Mr. Lang that Bill C-2, to amend the Criminal Code and to make related amendments to the Criminal Code 1967 Amendment Act, the Criminal Records Act, the National Defence Act, the Parole Act and the Visiting Forces Act, be read the third time and do pass and the amendment thereto of Mr. Rondeau (p. 2333).