

*Inquiries of the Ministry***PENSIONS**RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CANADA
AND FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

isolating the various Canadian regions from one another from a cultural point of view?

As for a statement on the matter, I shall willingly consider whether it would be useful.

Mr. Georges Valade (Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Secretary of State whether he would be ready to defer this report to the House committee instructed to study these questions as soon as he receives it?

Mr. Pelletier: As soon as I receive the report, Mr. Speaker, I shall be able to determine whether the suggestion of the hon. member is advisable under the circumstances. I must advise him right now, however, that it may well not be the case, since the report will not be submitted to the minister, but to the Commissioner with whom I shall have to discuss the matter. It is not impossible, however, that this report could be tabled in the house and referred to the appropriate committee.

[*English*]

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the minister a supplementary question arising from the fact that he could not accept the premise in the question of the hon. member for Brandon-Souris in reference to the National Film Board. Does he not consider that when the Film Board places a cost on its services which is beyond the ability of communities to pay it is cutting off access to Canadian culture as mentioned by the hon. member?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The supplementary question is argumentative.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRSASSISTANCE TO CANADIAN CITIZENS
IN UNITED STATES

Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Fundy-Royal): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. If he does not have an answer, perhaps he would like to take it as notice. Will the minister say if instructions have been given to Canadian consular personnel in the United States to deny assistance or advice to Canadian citizens in the United States who may be in difficulty because of the U.S. draft law?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I shall take that question as notice. It is the first time it has been brought to my attention.

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. On November 20 last, as noted in *Hansard* at page 1034, the minister indicated that an agreement between this country and the Federal Republic of Germany regarding reciprocal pension arrangements might be concluded shortly. Can he say whether that agreement has been concluded and, if so, will a copy of it be tabled?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I wish to advise the hon. member that the agreement has not been concluded. However, negotiations are currently going on and we are hopeful that they will be concluded as soon as possible. When that is done I would be happy to announce it to the House.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): In view of the fact that the answer last time was similar, can the minister say when "as soon as possible" might be?

An hon. Member: Soon.

HOUSINGAVAILABILITY OF MONEY
FOR PUBLIC HOUSING

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister without Portfolio in charge of housing. Can the minister inform the House if he has indicated to the provinces when moneys will be available and the amount which will be allocated for the year 1970 in regard to public housing?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio): Mr. Speaker, I think we will be giving that information to the provincial ministers concerned within a matter of days.

SPORTSFINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR
OLYMPIC GAMES BIDS

Mr. Jerry Pringle (Fraser Valley East): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Because of the urgency with respect to confirmation deadlines and in order to clarify con-