

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South): I have a supplementary question to the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys with respect to the same problem. Since the government has been declining to answer questions in respect of the mining problem in Nova Scotia because the Donald report had not yet been delivered, on what grounds does the minister now publicly state that he is worried about a situation which the Donald report and government policy were supposed to alleviate?

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

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South): So is the attitude of the government.

CROWN CORPORATIONS**NORTHERN ONTARIO PIPE LINE—INQUIRY AS TO REPEAL OF LEGISLATION**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Qu'Appelle): Mr. Speaker, my question concerns a minor housekeeping item. I should like to ask the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys the following question. In view of the complete cessation of the operations of the Northern Ontario Pipe Line Crown Corporation, has the minister any plans to announce the repealing of the legislation which keeps this now defunct organization in existence?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys): Mr. Speaker, I am aware of the problem. Could I take the question as notice, and I will try to provide an answer soon.

AGRICULTURE**REQUEST FOR ROYAL COMMISSION TO INQUIRE INTO FOOD INDUSTRY**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Barry Mather (New Westminster): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. Could the minister say whether a request has been received from the farmers union asking for the establishment of a royal commission to inquire into all aspects of the food industry? If so, what consideration is being given to this request?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for giving me notice of this question. This request was made by the farmers union in their brief to the government, but at the present time the government has no intention of establishing such a commission.

[Mr. Sharp.]

HEALTH AND WELFARE**REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON CONTROL OF DRUG LSD**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Howard Johnston (Okanagan-Revelstoke): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the variety of statements being made with reference to the drug LSD, particularly in regard to its dangers, is the department studying this problem and can we expect a statement on control measures or a comprehensive policy to be followed by his department?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I cannot recognize that this matter is of such urgency that the question should be answered at this time. The hon. member may wish to place it on the order paper.

FAILURE OF DRUG MANUFACTURERS TO SPECIFY CHILDREN'S DOSES

On the orders of the day:

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I have a question I would like to direct to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of yesterday's statement by the head of the pediatrics department of the Ottawa Civic hospital that the health of children is endangered by the failure of drug manufacturers to specify the size of doses for them, would the minister say what the government proposes to do about this situation?

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I shall be glad to take the question as notice.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**ESTABLISHMENT OF RULES FOR DEALING WITH ESTIMATES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the government house leader with reference to our procedures. My question arises out of the fact that the program today includes dealing with estimates. What does the government or the government house leader intend to do about the order of the house which was passed at the last session calling for the establishment of a special committee to work out rules for dealing with estimates, in the light of our new provision of a 30 day limit?