

be prepared to give it full consideration. At the present time it is a matter that will be judged by the CTC.

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### HOUSING

#### REQUEST THAT GOVERNMENT INTRODUCE SHELTER ALLOWANCES FOR NEEDY FAMILIES

**Hon. David Crombie (Rosedale):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister responsible for housing. As the Minister will know, in its most recent report the Economic Council of Canada recommended that the Government bring in a system of shelter allowances for needy families looking for assisted housing. That recommendation was repeated this morning in the Labour Committee. Will the Minister confirm that the Government will bring in that program in the Speech from the Throne?

**Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of Public Works):** No, Mr. Speaker, I will not confirm that. We are releasing, in fact I think this very week, the evaluation of the social housing program which had been ordered by my predecessor and which is now ready for publication. From that should come changes which could examine alternative options like shelter allowance, but I am not necessarily committed to that form.

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### ENVIRONMENT CANADA

#### AVAILABILITY OF WEATHER REPORTS FOR PRIVATE PILOTS

**Mr. J. R. Ellis (Prince Edward-Hastings):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport, but I would hope that his colleague and seatmate, the Minister of the Environment, would listen as well because I am not entirely certain of the division of responsibility for the sourcing and delivery of aviation weather reports. On behalf of private pilots everywhere I would like to complain about the lack of availability of weather reports. There is no question that that information is available, but in fact it is not easily accessed by private pilots, particularly those in major centres.

Before a plane takes off, we of course ask the pilot to check the weather reports. I wonder if either Minister could first tell me who is responsible for the delivery of this information and, second, how that Minister would go about making it more easily available to private pilots so that they do not have to wait for that information for an hour to an hour and a half.

**Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Minister of the Environment):** Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member is quite correct in saying that pilots do call upon the services offered by Environment Canada's meteorological services and depend very much on them. Our services have been strained because of budget cuts. If the Official Opposition will support increased budget allocations,

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we will be very glad to expand and/or enhance those services at any time.

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### PETITION

#### MR. FRETZ—RIGHT TO LIFE OF THE UNBORN

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order. I have the honour to inform the House that the petition presented by the Hon. Member for Erie (Mr. Fretz) on Monday, November 21, 1983 does not meet the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

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**Mr. Harquail:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order which relates to what I feel is a very important historical event for all Members of the House. I am sure all Members will agree, when they recall the passing 20 years ago of the thirty-fifth—

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order. The Hon. Member is not making a point of order. He might well have availed himself of the opportunity of making a statement under Standing Order 21 in order to discuss a historical event. However, his point is not a point of order.

**Mr. Harquail:** Mr. Speaker, I have a point of order.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** If the Hon. Member has a legitimate point of order, the Chair will entertain it. However, a reference to a historical event is not a point of order but should be the subject of a statement under Standing Order 21.

**Mr. Harquail:** Mr. Speaker, may I then seek the unanimous consent of the House to make my intervention?

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Does the Hon. Member have the unanimous consent of the House?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some Hon. Members:** No.

### ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Motions. At this point, shall we have the usual intervention made by the Hon. Member for Yukon and the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain?

**Mr. Deans:** Mr. Speaker, I have been giving this matter a great deal of thought, and I hope that perhaps in the not too distant future we might arrange a meeting among the House Leaders to deal not only with this question but with others as well. However, in light of my normal attitude of co-operation,