

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

made by all concerned to keep within the estimate made. This is, of course, simply one of the ordinary control procedures of prudent management.

**CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION****REPORTED PROTEST AGAINST APPLICATION FOR EDMONTON TELEVISION LICENCE**

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Bonavista-Twillingate):** I wonder if I could ask the Prime Minister whether he has received a telegram from the chamber of commerce of Flin Flon, Manitoba protesting against the reported action of the C.B.C. in applying for a television licence in Edmonton and suggesting that consideration should first be given to the outlying areas of Canada which would have to help foot the bill; and whether the government would consider making representations in these terms to the C.B.C.?

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister):** The suggestion of the hon. member that the government should make any representations to the C.B.C. is not in keeping with some of the criticisms he has made in the past.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** May I ask the Prime Minister whether it is the intention of the government to allow the C.B.C. to dictate to the government what the capital program is to be?

**"SWAMP FOX"—INQUIRY AS TO REASONS FOR CANCELLATION**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct to the Minister of National Revenue a question which is based on a lot of very interesting conversations and comments.

In view of the fact that the *Toronto Telegram* of February 12 reports that the C.B.C. cancelled Walt Disney's play "Swamp Fox", the leading part in which is played by Leslie Nielsen, brother of the hon. member for Yukon, who is reported as saying it was first believed that the C.B.C. cancelled this play because the enemy in the play are called Tories, can the minister inform the house of the circumstances surrounding this recursive incident?

**Hon. George C. Nowlan (Minister of National Revenue):** I think the hon. member's question exhibits the folly of basing questions on rumours and reports. I am not sure whether the report refers to the distinguished actor or to the distinguished member of the House of Commons, and as to

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"recursive", I understood it was "recusative". I did not know the meaning of the word but I tried to find it, and I found that a recusant was one who refused to attend a parish church.

**Mr. Herridge:** "Recusative" also means the act of denying information to the house.

**"BACKGROUND"—PARTICIPATION BY CONSERVATIVE MEMBERS**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Azellus Denis (St. Denis):** May I address a question to the Minister of National Revenue. Last Sunday on "Background", the C.B.C. authorities found three Conservative members of parliament to talk about capital punishment. I should like to know from the Minister of National Revenue why they could not find any more Conservative members to talk about it.

**Hon. George C. Nowlan (Minister of National Revenue):** I do not know. I have always been told there were so many Liberals on the C.B.C. that I am surprised there was room for three Conservatives.

**STATEMENT ON CAPITAL PROGRAM FOR 1960**

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. George C. Nowlan (Minister of National Revenue):** The other day the hon. member for Port Arthur asked me a question relating to a proposed extension of the services of the C.B.C. in respect of new relay coverage, an announcement with regard to which had apparently been issued on behalf of two hon. members of this house. This is a matter concerning which the hon. member for Renfrew South had spoken to me at various times previously.

I am advised by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation that there are a number of areas not now receiving radio and television service on which active studies are being carried out. C.B.C. installations to bring service to some of these areas are contemplated as part of the corporation's capital program for 1960. An official announcement of specific areas and technical installations at this time would be premature pending arrangements for transmitter sites, technical facilities and applications for licences through the Department of Transport and the board of broadcast governors.

**COAL****INQUIRY AS TO HALIFAX MEETING OF COMMITTEE**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. H. J. Robichaud (Gloucester):** I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys. Is the minister in