

Inquiries of the Ministry

of State. I am wondering how soon the minister expects to be in a position to table the white paper on broadcasting. This is awaited with eager anticipation across the country.

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): As I told the committee on broadcasting, films and assistance to the arts about a month ago, and as I anticipate since then, it will be before the committee by the end of June.

HEALTH AND WELFARE**TRAINED PERSONNEL FOR HOSPITAL RECOVERY ROOMS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. L. M. Brand (Saskatoon): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Is the minister aware that there are anaesthetic recovery rooms in Canada, operated under the hospitalization plan, which do not have in attendance trained personnel? I should like to ask what plans the government has in view to overcome this grave and extremely urgent situation.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I would suggest to the hon. member that this question should be placed on the order paper.

Mr. Brand: With all deference to you, Mr. Speaker, I might suggest that if you or any member of this house were in the recovery room, the urgency of this matter would become readily apparent.

MEDICARE—BASIS OF FEDERAL CONTRIBUTION TO PROVINCES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe East): Mr. Speaker, I should like to readdress a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Notice of this question has been given, and it is based on the new medicare proposal made by the minister. Will the federal government be contributing on the basis of the national average cost or on the basis of the actual cost in each province?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I doubt that this question is one which should be asked at this time. It is of a very technical nature, and I suggest that the hon. member might place it on the order paper.

Mr. Rynard: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, last Tuesday I asked a question of the Minister of National Health and Welfare on this same point I have raised today. That [Mr. Fairweather.]

question was accepted. I just wanted you to know that it was accepted and taken as notice.

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps the hon. member might have indicated that in the first place. It certainly would have strengthened his case.

Mr. Churchill: Let us have a reply.

Mr. Speaker: If the hon. member asked a question which was allowed at the time and which was taken as notice, I am sure the minister would wish to reply now.

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, in reply to my hon. friend's question I should like to say that the federal government will contribute the average per capita cost calculated from the aggregate cost in the participating provinces.

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the premature announcement made by President Johnson of the United States which enabled speculators to make a pile of money on soybeans, and since the minister is an expert in this area, can he tell us what effect this will have on the soybean situation in Canada?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I do not know whether you are objecting to my response to this vitally important question—

Mr. Speaker: Order. I do not think the question is one which can be accepted.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**VIET NAM—MEETING OF MINISTER WITH OTTAWA UNIVERSITY DELEGATION**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. W. Prittie (Burnaby-Richmond): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs and has nothing to do with his expertise in agriculture. Has the minister received a delegation of professors from the University of Ottawa who have made a request concerning the Viet Nam situation and recognition of communist China.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This question is out of order.