

Oral Questions  
POST OFFICE

RURAL MAIL CARRIERS—ACTION TO INCREASE PAY IN  
LIGHT OF HIGHER COSTS

**Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Postmaster General. In view of the rapidly increasing price of motor fuels and other costs of rural mail carriers, does the Postmaster General plan to take any action to improve the financial situation of the rural mail contractors to compensate them for the effects of inflation?

[Translation]

**Hon. André Ouellet (Postmaster General):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I hope to be able to announce measures along this line within a couple of weeks.

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[English]

NATIONAL REVENUE

REQUEST FOR SUFFERANCE WAREHOUSE IN RENFREW—  
GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Mr. Paul Dick (Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Revenue. In view of the fact that communications and correspondence relating to a sufferance warehouse in the town of Renfrew have been going on since March of 1973 between the minister and me, and for two years prior to that with my predecessor, would the minister indicate whether or not permission for such a warehouse will be granted?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I think that question could be put on the order paper. If there is urgency, perhaps the hon. member would not mind giving me notice and he would be given priority on the order of business for the adjournment debate.

**Mr. Dick:** I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. With respect, I did try to indicate that not only have I written to and communicated with the minister, which is just as good, I think, as putting a question on the order paper, but there has been no response on this question which is vital to this community and has been for two and a half years.

**Mr. Speaker:** That is hardly a point of order. I appreciate the hon. member's point, but that is the very purpose of what is referred to by hon. members as the late show. When the Speaker is judged to be wrong, as he very often is, hon. members have an opportunity of giving notice that they wish to have an urgent matter considered a few hours later. If the matter has waited two and a half years, perhaps it could wait a few more hours and I will ensure that the question is given priority.

**Mr. Stanbury:** Mr. Speaker, I have a point of order. I do not suppose Your Honour knows what it is yet so perhaps I can at least state it.

**Mr. Speaker:** The minister rises on a point of order.

[Mr. Marchand (Langelier).]

**Mr. Stanbury:** Mr. Speaker, I do not think the impression should be left that I do not answer the hon. member's inquiries. The answer, unfortunately, has been no.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

DATE OF DEBATE ON CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN  
MIDDLE EAST PEACE FORCE

**Mr. Bell:** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the government House leader whether he can tell us when we should prepare ourselves for the debate on Canada's participation in UNEF.

**Mr. MacEachen:** Mr. Speaker, it would be my intention, if a debate is required, to put the resolution before the House on Friday so that hon. members would have an opportunity to prepare.

**Mr. Speaker:** Orders of the day.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

CANADA PENSION PLAN  
(No. 2)

AMENDMENTS RESPECTING ANNUAL INCREASES AND  
LEVEL OF INCOME ON WHICH CONTRIBUTIONS PAID

The House resumed, from Monday, October 29, consideration of the motion of Mr. Lalonde that Bill C-224, to amend the Canada Pension Plan, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs.

**Mr. F. Oberle (Prince George-Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, last night before the adjournment hour I had pointed out to the House, as had some of my colleagues previously, that the bill does not offer a solution to the problems faced by one or other partner in a family unit who outlives his or her spouse. This is particularly true of the housewife who is denied the privilege of participating in the fund since society has never considered her activities important enough to qualify for recognition as a member of the labour force. I also pointed out that the fund must provide in the future for those people who have not worked up to the age set by the fund but have felt that their savings would carry them for the rest of their days. Those people in our society must also be allowed access to the fund.

I congratulated the minister for his apparent success in dealing with his provincial counterparts, but I would point out to him that some of the concern expressed by my colleagues and myself was also expressed by the provincial ministers. For example, Norman Levi, the minister from British Columbia, had this to say:

In particular we would like to see alterations to the Canada Pension Plan to provide for substantially higher retirement,