

this matter and in view of the fact that he is responsible for the programming of government business, can he tell the House whether legislation will be introduced before June on the question of offshore mineral rights?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, at present there is no plan to introduce legislation on offshore mineral rights before the end of June.

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DRUGS

INQUIRY AS TO FINAL REPORT OF LE DAIN COMMISSION—
INVESTIGATION OF NEWS LEAK INVOLVING INTERIM
REPORT

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Can he give the House any indication when we may expect the final report of the Le Dain commission to be made public?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I cannot, other than to indicate that I did have a conversation with Dean Le Dain and he indicated that his projection that it would be available some time during June has turned out to be premature. I am not expecting it until later.

Mr. Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, my supplementary relates to a question I have had on the order paper since October 8, more than six months ago, relating to an investigation that I presume was conducted by the minister into a news leak of the interim report of the Le Dain Commission. I have raised this matter a number of times in the House, and on each occasion I have been promised that it would be looked into. Can the minister indicate when the report of that inquiry will be made public?

Mr. Munro: I will endeavour to have that question answered very shortly, Mr. Speaker.

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COMPANY OF YOUNG CANADIANS

ALLEGED PARTICIPATION OF MEMBER IN SOCIAL
CONTESTATION IN LAFLÈCHE

Mr. Roland Godin (Porineuf): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Secretary of State.

Has he received a telegram from Laflèche Mayor Gerard Philips protesting against the behaviour of an official of the Company of Young Canadians, on the South Shore of Montreal, and, if so, can the minister say what position he intends to take concerning this matter?

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Indeed I have received a message, Mr. Speaker, and I met with the Director General of the Company of Young Canadians at noon today.

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Godin: Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask the Secretary of State a supplementary question.

Can he tell us whether it is really the policy of the Company of Young Canadians to occupy lots and buildings not belonging to them merely in order to express what they call social dissension?

Mr. Pelletier: Mr. Speaker, the question does not seem very appropriate in view of the fact that out of several hundred people there was exactly one volunteer from the Company of Young Canadians and it seems to me that one person alone cannot occupy very much space.

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HEALTH

FINANCING OF NURSING HOMES—INCLUSION ON AGENDA
OF FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE—AMENDMENT
OF ACT

Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In his absence last Thursday his parliamentary secretary took it as notice. Will the financing of nursing home care be placed on the agenda of the upcoming federal-provincial conference, or is the government going to introduce an amendment to the Hospital Insurance and Diagnostic Services Act so that there will be federal assistance for nursing homes across the country?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, the Hospital Insurance and Diagnostic Services Act provides for cost sharing for the chronically ill and the convalescent, so that can be taken care of now. So far as custodial care in terms of nursing homes is concerned, there are no plans for cost sharing in that regard, nor have I had any request that it be placed on the agenda.

Mr. Ryan: Will the minister consider taking some initiative on the matter in the immediate future in view of the action taken by the province of Ontario?

Mr. Munro: Mr. Speaker, I would indicate that in terms of the discussions that are now going on between the federal government and the provinces on cost sharing across the whole health field, this matter is bound to arise.

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FAMILY ALLOWANCES

TIME OF INTRODUCTION OF AMENDING LEGISLATION

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Would the minister say whether he is prepared to introduce legislation to reform the family allowance system, and if so, when will this legislation be introduced and will it be introduced in time to be enacted by September?