

Inquiries of the Ministry

funds from his department, and if so, what action does the government contemplate to deal with this problem?

[*Translation*]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I have not yet been able to confirm the news published in some newspapers this morning. I myself learned about it through the newspapers and the radio, but I have asked the authorities of the National Arts Centre for a report on the incident, and I will gladly communicate to the house any information I receive.

[*English*]

Mr. Dinsdale: I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Has the Secretary of State been advised of the intention of the Performing Arts Centre to request a supplementary grant of \$300,000 to cover its financial problems?

[*Translation*]

Mr. Pelletier: I have received no official notice, Mr. Speaker. It was mentioned casually in a conversation with the director and the president of the Centre.

[*English*]

Mr. Dinsdale: I have a further supplementary question. Is it the opinion of the government that the present administrative structure of the Performing Arts Centre is adequate, or does the minister contemplate a reorganization?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member is asking for a statement of opinion. We have reached the point at which, according to practice, I should remind hon. members that we are running short of time. I still see a large number of members who are anxious to ask questions and who have risen from the first moment. May I say that the time I took to make this announcement to the house will not be charged to the question period.

SPORTS

FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO MEET PAN-AMERICAN GAMES DEFICIT

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Finance. On June 10 I asked him the following question:

In view of the government's action in writing off the Expo deficit of \$125 million, will it consider making similar arrangements in respect of the Pan-Am games, also a 1967 national event?

There was a supplementary question and then the minister said he would look into the matter. I wonder if he has anything further to report at this time.

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Not at this moment, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

[*Translation*]

AGRICULTURE

STUDY OF REPORT OF COMMITTEE BEFORE ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Agriculture was in his seat earlier, but in his absence, the President of the Privy Council could perhaps answer my question.

Could the minister tell us whether the report of the Standing Committee on Agriculture, which must normally be submitted to the house and which has been prepared following a trip in eastern Canada, could be considered by the house before the recess?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): I doubt it, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question arising from the one put by the hon. member for Bellechasse a moment ago to the President of the Privy Council.

In view of the fact that the President of the Privy Council stated that it is unlikely that the report of the Standing Committee on Agriculture, just back from its visit in eastern Canada, will be published to enlighten hon. members, would the President of the Privy Council tell us if he is willing to meet with the Minister of Agriculture in this respect and perhaps change his decision?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, I will inquire on this matter and give an answer to the house.

[*English*]

PENITENTIARIES

SPRINGHILL, N.S.—TRANSFER OF INMATES TO OTHER MINIMUM SECURITY ACCOMMODATION

Mr. Robert C. Coates (Cumberland-Colchester North): I have a question for the Solicitor General, Mr. Speaker. Is he in a position to outline the program he intends to