

Inquiries of the Ministry

the electronic media of communication, such as the C.B.C.?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): I believe, Mr. Speaker, that the government wants to make all the savings possible and reasonable. However, I am not aware of a particular study being conducted at the present time on the particular and specific problem of electronic communications within the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

[English]

Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question that I would direct to the President of the Treasury Board. Has Treasury Board approved an order in council authorizing the expenditure of \$66 million odd on the C.B.C. building in Montreal, construction to begin in December, as set out in a return made to this house on October 16?

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, I would have to have reference to the particular return to check this.

[Translation]

Mr. Georges Valade (Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, I simply wish to rise on a point of order.

I wanted to put a question to the hon. Minister of Transport but, since he is not in the house, I shall keep my question for another day.

[English]

CRIMINAL CODE**INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION RESPECTING CONTRACEPTION**

On the orders of the day:

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. In view of the different dates given by the President of the Privy Council and the Minister of National Health and Welfare for the introduction of legislation to take contraception out of the Criminal Code, would the Prime Minister resolve the contradiction by telling us the actual date of the introduction of this legislation?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, perhaps I could respond to that question best by pointing out to the hon. lady that the bill was introduced in the other place last week.

[Mr. Dinsdale.]

[Translation]

DOMINION-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS**EXTENSION OF TAX COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. C. A. Gauthier (Roberval): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Finance.

In view of the fact that the minister has obtained the consent of the provincial delegates, during the last federal-provincial conference, to collect income tax for another five year period, could he tell the house whether that was a unanimous decision on the part of all the provinces?

[English]

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I believe my hon. friend is talking about the tax collection agreements that apply to provinces other than Quebec, which carries on its own tax collection. Mind you, it does not apply to all taxes in all provinces. For example, Ontario collects its own corporate tax. The provinces of Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia collect their own succession duties as well.

[Translation]

Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière): Mr. Speaker, I do not think the hon. minister has answered the question, for we all know that all the provinces impose taxes. We would like to know if the decision was taken unanimously during the discussion at the federal-provincial conference.

[English]

Mr. Benson: Mr. Speaker, no one disagreed.

HEALTH AND WELFARE**SPRINGHILL, N.S.—POLLUTION FROM FIRE IN MINE DUMP**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert C. Coates (Cumberland-Colchester North): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Acting Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Is the minister in a position to indicate what action the department is taking to eliminate or contain the fire that rages on in a mine dump in the town of Springhill. Smoke is polluting the whole town of Springhill. I directed a similar question to the Prime Minister yesterday.

Mr. R. J. Orange (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, all matters relating to the safety