

**Mr. Benson:** We have not decided as yet whether there will be a completely new book or simply adjustments to the estimate figures. As to tabling, I would say it will take several weeks for a reprinting of any kind.

POSSIBLE CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO  
ADDITIONAL CREDITS

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West):** My question is for the Minister of Finance. Yesterday in making his announcement with regard to the extension of additional dollar credits by Italy, Germany and the Bank of International Settlements, the minister did not indicate whether there were any conditions attached to this particular facility being extended to Canada as there were conditions attached to the assistance from the United States. Were there any particular conditions with regard to this extension of credits yesterday?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance):** No, Mr. Speaker. There were two kinds of stand-by credits made available, those between the central banks of the European countries, the Bank of International Settlements and the Bank of Canada, and no conditions were attached. The loan which is being negotiated with the Export-Import Bank of the United States of course has the ordinary conditions that attach to any loan from that institution, but no conditions requiring any change in Canadian policy.

REFUSAL BY BANKS TO MAKE  
FARM IMPROVEMENT LOANS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Reynold Rapp (Humboldt-Melfort-Tisdale):** My question is directed to the Minister of Agriculture. Some chartered banks have now changed their lending policy to farmers and are not prepared to grant farm improvement loans, giving as a reason that the interest rate is too low. Has the minister any comment to make on this subject?

**Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, the farm improvement loan program is under review with a view to making more money available to farmers because of the present difficulties as a result of the 5 per cent interest rate under the farm improvement loan program. As soon as any changes that we deem appropriate are conceived, they will be presented to the house or otherwise in the normal and proper manner.

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Graffey:** Set up a task force. Call in the experts.

**Mr. E. Nasserden (Rosthern):** A supplementary question to the Minister of Finance. Is it the intention of the government to subsidize any increase in interest rates on farm improvement loans that may be provided under government legislation?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance):** No, Mr. Speaker, there is no such intention.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

REPORTED ESTABLISHMENT OF FRENCH  
SPEAKING UNITS AND OTTAWA MESS  
FOR SENIOR OFFICERS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Defence. In view of the promulgation of the armed forces unification act and the coming into effect on February 1 of this year of the Q.R.O. changes, as well as certain orders in council, will the minister bring to a halt suggested policies to establish new armed forces organizations, French speaking only, and the establishment of a mess and guest house in Ottawa available only to those of the rank of brigadier and higher?

**Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, I think it is unfair to say we ever had any plan to establish units that were exclusively French speaking. We never had that in mind. So far as the senior officers' mess is concerned—

**Mr. Winch:** And guest house.

**Mr. Cadieux (Terrebonne):** I don't know what the hon. member is talking about when he refers to a guest house. There is a mess for which senior officers pay the expenses.

GRAIN

INQUIRY AS TO FINAL PAYMENTS FOR  
1966-67 CROPS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. E. Nasserden (Rosthern):** My question is directed to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. I wonder if the minister will consider making the announcement of the final payments for wheat, oats and barley soon?

**Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce):** I will endeavour to do that early next week.