

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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### WEST COAST GRAIN HANDLING OPERATIONS ACT, 1974

#### MEASURE TO SECURE THE RESUMPTION OF OPERATIONS

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-12, to provide for the resumption of grain handling operations on the west coast of Canada.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Speaker: When shall this bill be read the second time, later today?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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### NORTHERN CANADA POWER COMMISSION ACT

#### AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION AND POWERS OF COMMISSION

Hon. Jean Chrétien (for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-13, to amend the Northern Canada Power Commission Act.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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[Translation]

### FEDERAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BANK ACT

#### MEASURE TO ESTABLISH CORPORATION

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council) moved to introduce Bill C-14, intituled "An Act to incorporate the Federal Business Development Bank".

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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### INDIAN OIL AND GAS ACT

#### MEASURE RESPECTING LEASES, LICENCES AND ROYALTIES

Hon. Jean Chrétien (for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development) moved to introduce Bill C-15, intituled "An Act respecting oil and gas in Indian lands".

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

[English]

Mr. Alexander: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I notice that the bill to be introduced by the Minister of Labour (Mr. Munro) has been approved for second read-

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ing. After having made some inquiries as to whether it is possible that the bill be distributed at this time, I wonder whether in fact this could be expedited for the benefit of all hon. members.

Mr. Speaker: We were concerned about that. I understand steps have been taken to distribute copies of the bill forthwith.

## ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

### THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

#### PARTICIPATION OF MINISTER OF FINANCE IN CONSULTATIONS WITH INTERESTED GROUPS ON PROPOSALS TO FIGHT INFLATION

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask the Minister of Finance whether he is participating in the series of consultations with the principal groups in our society with regard to defeating inflation, as mentioned in the Speech from the Throne. Is the minister participating in those consultations?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

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#### FORM AND PURPOSE OF CONSULTATIONS WITH INTERESTED GROUPS ON PROPOSALS TO FIGHT INFLATION

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): I should like to ask the Minister of Finance what is the structure of the consultations in which he is participating and whether he is putting forward specific proposals, for example to strike a fair balance between wages, prices and profits in the economy. What is the structure, what is the form of the consultations, and what does the minister intend to propose?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): The hon. gentleman was good enough to quote from the speech I made in Vancouver. I can tell him that at the moment the structure of the consultations is informal. When they reach a more concrete form, either I or the Prime Minister will define it on a future occasion.

Mr. Stanfield: In the light of the speech the minister made in Vancouver to which he has referred—

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): To which you referred!

Mr. Stanfield: Well, we both referred to it. I should like to ask the minister whether the purpose of his consultations is to achieve an agreement which would constitute some kind of guidelines. Is that the purpose of the consultations? Or is it all a deep secret—merely a move to cover up confusion and ignorance on the part of the government and to buy time?

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): The government's policy has been clear enough to ensure it a new mandate