

Oral Questions

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Would the hon. member kindly resume his seat?

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HEALTH

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR FAMILY
PLANNING—POSSIBILITY OF PROVINCES OBTAINING
FUNDS UNDER CANADA ASSISTANCE PLAN

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver Kingsway): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the minister's statement in committee some weeks ago that if the need for more funds for family planning could be proved, such funds would be made available; and in view of the fact that both the large number of requests for funding and the growing number of abortions attested to the need for more funds for contraception, is the minister prepared to make funds available and if so, when?

● (1500)

[Translation]

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, there are funds available in the estimates for the financial year 1973-74 which have not yet been used up, far from it, for the purpose of family planning. We expect there will be additional funds available again next year.

[English]

Mrs. MacInnis (Vancouver Kingsway): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Can the provincial government obtain funds for family planning programs under the Canada Assistance Plan?

[Translation]

Mr. Lalonde: Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this question as notice. However, I can say that the provinces can obtain, under certain circumstances, funds from family planning as such, if there are specific programs to be put forward.

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[English]

NATIONAL REVENUE

BRITISH COLUMBIA—PROVINCIAL NATIONALIZATION OF
INDUSTRY—EFFECT ON FEDERAL TAX REVENUES

Mr. F. Oberle (Prince George-Peace River): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Revenue. In light of the very unusual precedent, established may I say under peculiar circumstances, surrounding the takeover of a private sawmill in British Columbia, Plateau Sawmills in Vanderhoof, by the government of British Columbia, and in view of the British Columbia government's apparent intention to take over private industry in British Columbia, has the minister considered how he will replace tax revenues previously paid by that industry in British Columbia?

Hon. Robert Stanbury (Minister of National Revenue): No, Mr. Speaker, I have not; but this sounds like a

[Mr. Lundrigan.]

serious problem in British Columbia and I hope we will not have to share any losses of the people of British Columbia.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair will recognize the hon. member for a supplementary, and then call orders of the day.

Mr. Oberle: Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is directed to the Prime Minister. Since in the case of Plateau Sawmills the federal government could suffer a loss of \$3 million for the current tax year alone, does the government consider that letting the provincial governments take over private industry is part of its scheme to help western Canada?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I am sure the hon. member appreciates that the question, asked in those terms, is not in order.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

AGREEMENT ON TIME LIMIT FOR SPEECHES IN DEBATE
UNDER S.O. 26

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order with respect to the debate that is to take place this evening commencing at eight o'clock on a motion under Standing Order 26. Although there have been discussions among the parties, and although we have not yet agreed about a cut-off time, it has been agreed that the length of speeches should be as follows: 20 minutes for each of the lead-off speakers of the four parties and 15 minutes for each speaker thereafter. Perhaps that could be made an order of the House at this time, so that hon. members might know about these arrangements.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. members have heard the point of order raised by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre in relation to discussions between party representatives. Is it agreed that it be so ordered?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: It is so ordered.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

CUSTOMS TARIFF (No. 2)

The House resumed, from Friday, July 13, consideration of the motion of Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton) that Bill C-195, to amend the Customs Tariff (No. 2), be read the second time and referred to committee of the whole.

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, we are dealing with the last of the four components devised by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Turner) for deal-