

atomic energy reactor at Pinawa. If so, can he tell the house if there is likely to be a settlement shortly?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys): I would ask the hon. member to be present at ten o'clock tonight. An hon. member has already raised this question. It will be dealt with tonight at ten o'clock.

ONTARIO—PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS IN TRUCKING STRIKE

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Labour whether he is prepared to give us a short report on what is happening in connection with the Ontario truckers strike and whether there is any glimmer of hope for a solution?

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to do so in view of the seriousness of the matter. The parties are meeting today. They are in continuous session under the joint chairmanship of the deputy minister of labour of Ontario and a senior official of my department. I can only report progress at this time.

[Translation]

URANIUM

REPORTED DELEGATION TO DISCUSS SALE TO FRANCE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gilles Grégoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the honourable Minister of Commerce.

Could the hon. minister tell us whether it is true that a delegation of the French government is coming to Canada very soon in order to discuss Canada's sale of uranium to France?

[English]

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): I have not heard of any such delegation, Mr. Speaker.

FINANCE

SUGGESTED PROVISION OF INSURANCE FOR BANK DEPOSITS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of Finance. Will he inform the house whether he is considering favourably the introduction of federal legislation to provide insurance for deposits in banks and near banks such as trust companies?

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Supply—National Defence

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I think the only answer I can give to a question like that is that government policy will be announced in due course.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

MEDICARE—INQUIRY AS TO LEGISLATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I remind the Prime Minister of my question of last Thursday relating to a medicare timetable? At the suggestion of Mr. Speaker I filed it for the "late show". I hope some responsible minister will be here tonight to answer it, preferably the Prime Minister himself.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Nothing will give me greater pleasure, Mr. Speaker, than to be here tonight at ten o'clock.

SUPPLY

The house in committee of supply, Mr. Batten in the chair.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

1. Departmental administration, including grants to military associations, institutes and other organizations as detailed in the estimates and authority, notwithstanding section 30 of the Financial Administration Act, and subject to allotment by the Treasury Board, for total commitments of \$2,560,546,715 for the purposes of votes 1, 5, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 and 45 of this department regardless of the year in which such commitments will come in course of payment (of which it is estimated that \$1,044,262,000 will come due for payment in future years) and authority to make recoverable advances under any of the said votes and, notwithstanding the Financial Administration Act, to spend revenue received during the year in respect of assistance rendered to the United Nations, any party of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization or any provincial or municipal government, \$5,204,855.

The Chairman: The hon. member for Kootenay West.

Mr. Lambert: On a point of order, Mr. Chairman, the hon. member for Digby-Annapolis-Kings called it six o'clock on Friday evening and I think by courtesy he would have the floor on this occasion.

The Chairman: I apologize. The hon. member for Digby-Annapolis-Kings.

Mr. Nowlan: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I had not necessarily intended to take part in this debate but in view of what the minister said in his technical countdown of the mechanics and new weaponry and the methods of management which the Department of National Defence is now following I felt it