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he have any proposals to introduce in this house with a view to improving the situation and giving the population a better chance to participate in the formulation of such legislation?

Mr. Speaker: I must advise the hon. member that this is not the right time to make such a statement, and that he might put his question on the order paper.

[English]

INDUSTRY**ADVERSE EFFECT ON WORKERS THROUGH COMPANY LOCATION CHANGES**

Mr. Walter Deakon (High Park): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Labour. Is the government considering the provision of protection for workers against outright arbitrary decisions by companies, whereby a few dollars savings in costs is sufficient justification for transferring company locations, thereby wrecking the lives of workers who have rendered long and faithful service?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. In a way the hon. member's question is very academic. I should think it might be debated at the time of adjournment.

Mr. Hees: I have a supplementary question.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member will also have to ask his question at the time of adjournment.

CANADIAN CULTURE**WASTELANDS—ALLEGED STIGMA FROM STATEMENT BY MINISTER**

Mr. Stan Schumacher (Palliser): Mr. Speaker, in a recent speech at Lethbridge, Alberta, the Secretary of State professed to have discovered in Canada various cultural wastelands. Will the minister now publicly pinpoint these areas of cultural backwardness and thus remove the stigma that rests unjustly on Canadians in all parts of the country as a result of the vagueness of his remarks?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member knows he cannot ask a question in this form, when it has reference to a speech made outside this house by a minister.

AGRICULTURE**STUDIES ON STABILITY OF FARMING OPERATIONS**

Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of

[Mr. Beaudoin.]

Agriculture I should like to direct my question to the right hon. Prime Minister. In view of the statement by the Director General of the economic branch of the federal Department of Agriculture in Edmonton on March 11, that half the farmers in Canada will probably be out of business in ten years, I should like to know whether any studies have been undertaken by the government which support this statement and, if so, are there any programs contemplated to deal with this situation?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The question is not in order. The rules do not allow an hon. member to ask a question related to a statement by an official outside the House of Commons.

LABOUR CONDITIONS**ALTERNATIVE TO COMPENSATE FOR CANCELLED WINTER WORKS PROGRAM**

Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West): Mr. Speaker, my question has to do with the critical unemployment situation, and recent reports to the government by the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities. Has the government any alternatives to recommend in respect of the unilateral cancellation of winter works projects in order to assist municipalities in the area of water utility pollution control and housing projects?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member is asking a general question which can only be answered by a statement on motions.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS**NEWFOUNDLAND—ANNOUNCEMENT AS TO CONTINUED SERVICE**

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Transport whether he is aware that the Canadian National Railways last night announced it was going to continue the operation of the *Bullet* at the present time, and will he now accept our invitation to experience the thrill of a ride across Newfoundland in the *Bullet*? This is a ride of a lifetime, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): I am not aware of any such announcement, Mr. Speaker, I still want to make an early visit with my hon. friend in order to be sure of a reservation.