

be accurate measurements of quite a different thing. Therefore all three figures, while each very different, may be accurate measurements. Nevertheless it is the DBS figure on unemployment which is normally considered the most reliable indicator of the number of people out of work at a particular point in time.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Perhaps the hon. member might wish to ask a further supplementary but we are running short of time.

Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): I want to ask the minister if the DBS figure is merely a sampling survey made on the basis of some 30,000 samples, rather than a figure extracted from other figures which are a matter of record both in the Unemployment Insurance Commission and the manpower department?

Mr. Lang: Yes, Mr. Speaker, that certainly is true. The survey is considered by statisticians to have a statistically reliable base, and of course that statistically reliable base is relied upon by the hon. member when he likes to do so.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE

INQUIRY RESPECTING CONTINUANCE OF MILITARY COLLEGES

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State. Could the minister elaborate on the reply by the Minister of National Defence the other day in which he indicated that he was not at the present time giving any consideration to closing the defence colleges in Canada—a matter I put in the realm of employment if nothing else. Is any consideration being given by the cabinet to a recommendation that the armed forces colleges be closed?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): I am not aware of any such recommendations being before the cabinet at the present time, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

Mr. Forrestall: Mr. Speaker, would the Secretary of State bother to sit down and read the recommendations that are emanating from his own department?

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

INQUIRY AS TO ORGANIZATION OF CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES

Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the President of the Privy Council. On this 71st day of the third session of Parliament I wonder if the President of the Privy Council, who I know is responsible for organizing other government business, could make a report to the House this week on

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why five committees of the House, namely the Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts Committee, the Transportation and Communications Committee and three others, have not yet been organized? I direct my specific inquiry to the Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts Committee because there are a number of matters that have come up on the floor of the House many times and should be raised. I asked this question about a month ago and I wonder whether the minister could reply either today or later this week.

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, normally the committees are organized when the House makes a reference. To my knowledge, that is the reason the committees mentioned have not yet been organized.

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CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD

INQUIRY AS TO APPOINTMENT OF NEW CHIEF COMMISSIONER

Mr. John Burton (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister in charge of the Canadian Wheat Board and it arises from an answer given by the minister a few minutes ago concerning the report on the review of Canadian Wheat Board operations. In view of his answer can the minister indicate if he is now in a position to announce the appointment of a new chief commissioner of the Canadian Wheat Board, and can he also assure the House that the appointment will be made from within the present membership of the Wheat Board?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, we have not reached any conclusion on this question. As hon. members know, we wanted to await and report, and of course I would want to have some further discussions with the Wheat Board about the report before that phase is really completed.

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AGRICULTURE

CLOSING OF CANADA PACKERS' SLAUGHTERING FACILITIES, HULL—CORRECTION OF ANSWER

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I may be permitted to correct part of an answer I gave to a question the other day because it may have led to some misunderstanding. In reply to a question from the hon. member for Renfrew-Lanark-Carleton with respect to the closing of the slaughtering facilities at the Canada Packers Hull plant, I said, among other things, that this action was more directly related to the treatment of effluent coming from it. Canada Packers have been in touch with me and have advised me that the facts are, and all of their official announcements have so stated, that the slaughter facilities at this plant are being closed because of the lack of sufficient livestock