

*Inquiries of the Ministry***ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE****ASSURANCE THAT ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE DEVICES
NOT USED IN COMPILING DOSSIERS ON MEMBERS
OF PARLIAMENT**

Mr. C. Terrence Murphy (Sault Ste. Marie): My question is directed to the Solicitor General. In cases where dossiers are prepared on Members of Parliament for whatever reason, will the minister clearly and unequivocally assure the House that the RCMP has not used and will not use electronic surveillance devices when compiling such dossiers?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, as I said, I believe police methods have to be applied to all citizens and that in law, they are all equal. That means that when the RCMP have reasonable motives to make an inquiry they do use all legal methods available.

[English]

Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca): Can the Solicitor General tell us whether members will be allowed to see these dossiers, if they exist, particularly their own?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

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TRANSPORT**PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF NORTHUMBERLAND CAUSEWAY BY PRIVATE INTERESTS—FEDERAL ROLE**

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Public Works. Has the hon. gentleman now been advised of Premier Campbell's representations in favour of the construction of the Northumberland causeway by private interests, and can the minister tell us what role he will be playing in this latest resurrection?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works): So far, all I know is what I read in the papers.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Malpeque.

Mr. Yewchuk: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I apologize to the hon. member for Malpeque. Is the hon. member for Athabasca rising on a point of order?

Mr. Yewchuk: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I am sorry my question sounded funny, but I think the minister was ready to reply and I should like an answer.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Malpeque.

**BORDEN-TORMENTINE FERRY SERVICE—REQUEST FOR
STATEMENT ON PROPOSED CHANGES**

Hon. J. A. MacLean (Malpeque): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Would he make a statement on motions, or at least table

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a statement on motions, in the near future giving a comprehensive outline of the proposed changes in the connecting ferry services between Prince Edward Island and the mainland?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I was under the impression that during my absence the letter or wire that I had sent to Premier Campbell of Prince Edward Island was at least made available to members from that province. That is as comprehensive a statement as I have at the present time. If there is anything further or more specific any hon. member would like, I will do my best to get it, but that is the situation at the present time.

Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Transport. In view of the fact that in that statement there was no mention whether the *Gray* would provide winter service at a time when it is vitally important to have icebreaking as well as rail service to and from Prince Edward Island, could the minister clear up what is a matter of major concern to the people of Prince Edward Island?

Mr. Jamieson: Mr. Speaker, I am in the process of doing that. I had a wire from the premier of Prince Edward Island this morning asking me that very question and a reply to it is being drafted. I should be glad to make that available as well.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day. Is the hon. member for Timiskaming rising on a point of order?

Mr. Peters: Yes, Mr. Speaker, on a point of order. I should like to ask the House Leader whether, in view of the interest of the government in Bill C-176, he would have it reprinted now so that we can satisfy requests for copies of the bill. I did raise this point in committee and requested that 2,000 copies be printed. The committee agreed to my request and then it was found that this was a responsibility of Your Honour. This is the reason I raise the point in this way.

Mr. Speaker: The information which the Chair has received through the usual channels is to the effect that there has been a reprint and that the reprinted copies are available at the present time. Orders of the day.

● (3:20 p.m.)

GOVERNMENT ORDERS**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT, 1971****PROVISIONS RESPECTING INSURABLE EMPLOYMENT, COMMISSION, BENEFITS, PREMIUMS, ADMINISTRATION, ETC.**

The House resumed, from Monday, April 19, consideration of the motion of Mr. Mackasey that Bill C-229, respecting unemployment insurance in Canada, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration.