

Inquiries of the Ministry

[English]

CONSULTATION WITH PROVINCES RESPECTING
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Heward Graffey (Brome-Missisquoi): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the right hon. Prime Minister. Since a number of independent French speaking countries will be meeting in France in a few weeks, is it the intention of the government to initiate without delay appropriate constitutional discussions with the provinces in order that in future any possibility of misunderstanding will be minimized?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, if an international conference is to be held in Paris in a few weeks and Canada is invited to it, which would be the normal course to take if Canadian representation is required, naturally we would discuss this matter with the provinces, as indeed we have done on similar occasions in the past, particularly if that conference dealt with matters within provincial jurisdiction.

PROPOSED PROHIBITION OF EXPORTS
OF NICKEL TO U.S.

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the answer given to me by the minister yesterday with respect to the export of Canadian nickel to the United States, I would like to ask the minister if, in view of the humanitarian principles involved in doing all we can to end the war in Viet Nam, the minister has not sufficient confidence in the integrity of the Canadian people to know that they would not permit any Canadian worker to suffer any temporary material inconvenience caused by the ending of that war.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The question as asked is argumentative.

[Translation]

WINTER WORKS

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gérard Laprise (Chapleau): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Can he tell us if the municipalities have requested that the winter works period be extended by one month to enable them to complete the

[Mr. Grégoire.]

projects undertaken? Can he tell us also if he will give those requests a favourable answer?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, requests have been received and it is unlikely that the period will be extended.

CRIMINAL CODE

REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT OF CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Roger-E. Régimbal (Argenteuil-Deux-Montagnes): Mr. Speaker, I had a question for the Minister of Justice but, in his absence, I shall put it to the Prime Minister.

Would he know whether the Minister of Justice has received representations from the caucus members of Quebec Liberals requesting him to postpone consideration of Bill No. C-195, especially as far as abortion and homosexuality are concerned?

Mr. Speaker: I do not think that this question, as worded, is in order.

Mr. Régimbal: Mr. Speaker, may I rephrase my question to the Prime Minister?

Is it the intention of the government to bury Bill No. C-195, Bill No. C-186 and the Ralliement Créditiste all at the same time?

[English]

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTIONS PROPOSED BY
FINANCE MINISTER

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question either to the Prime Minister, or to the Minister of Finance, or to the house leader. When will we be given the resolution or resolutions respecting matters other than taxation to which the Minister of Finance referred yesterday? Will we have these other resolutions before we proceed with the debate on the income tax resolution, notice of which was filed last night?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, it has not yet been decided whether it will be legally necessary to have a resolution and legislation to set up the kind of board to which my hon. friend no doubt is referring, but there will certainly be ample opportunity to discuss the nature of that