

On the second part of the question, no one raised the issue of costs incurred for the safety of visitors in various Canadian cities.

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[English]

MANPOWER

LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM—USE OF FUNDS BY LANDLORDS TO IMPROVE HOUSING UNITS—PREVENTION OF RENT INCREASES

Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina): My question is for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration with respect to LIP. Will the minister undertake to ensure that the funds to improve substandard housing will not be used by slum landlords to improve their housing units and then substantially raise the rents to their tenants?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Needless to say, in the case of any application under the Local Initiatives Program the whole nature of the proposal and its impact on the community will be examined.

Mr. Ryan: Has rent control in this situation been discussed with the provinces or will it be?

Mr. Lang: Not in connection with this isolated situation by any means, Mr. Speaker.

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STATUS OF WOMEN

IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): My question is addressed to the Minister of State for Urban Affairs. I should like to ask him whether he is now in a position to make a statement to the House on the government's plans to implement the recommendations of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women, and will he do so soon?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): I expect that there will be some announcements in this regard before too long.

DISCUSSION WITH PROVINCES AND MUNICIPALITIES OF PROVISION OF DAY-CARE PROGRAM

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): May I ask the same minister whether he has plans in view for a conference with the provinces and municipalities to discuss the provision of a day-care program across Canada?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): Not precisely for that purpose but there are heralded plans for discussion of many items with the provinces and municipalities and I have no doubt that this subject could be one of those discussed.

Inquiries of the Ministry

[Translation]

INDUSTRY

QUEBEC—MEASURES TO PREVENT CLOSING OF PLANTS

Hon. Théogène Ricard (Saint-Hyacinthe): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Prime Minister, I will direct my question to the Minister of Finance.

According to Statistics Canada, at least 229 plants in Quebec were closed these last two years while others have substantially reduced their working hours.

Could the minister indicate whether the government intends to take special steps to stop this tragedy which plagues our production?

[English]

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Without agreeing with the statistics, not having looked at them, I believe that my colleague in the Department of Regional Economic Expansion has done great things in opening up new job opportunities.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Ricard: Such as closing factories.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I must bring to the attention of hon. members that there are some 20 or 25 members who are seeking the floor and there are only four minutes left before the end of the question period. I am afraid that many hon. members will be disappointed. We will try, if there are not too many supplementary questions, to get a number of questions asked.

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GRAIN

REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ON INTERPROVINCIAL MOVEMENT OF FEED GRAINS IN FOUR WESTERN PROVINCES

Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville): I should like to address my question to the minister in charge of the Wheat Board. It arises out of representations made to him by the Palliser Wheat Growers Association requesting the removal of restrictions prohibiting the interprovincial movement of feed grains between the four western provinces. Are any initiatives now being taken in this regard by the government?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): This question is constantly alive, but particularly so when prices for feed grains are at depressed levels within any section of the designated area. The very vast sales of barley should put an end to those depressed prices and therefore avoid a great part of the problem for the time being.

[Translation]

EXTENSION TO EASTERN FARMERS OF BENEFITS ACCORDED TO WESTERN PRODUCERS

Mr. Marcel Lessard (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary for the Minister in charge of the Wheat Board.