

**Mr. Speaker:** I am not too sure whether this is a matter of urgency. However, in view of the fact that I am unfamiliar with the subject matter raised by the hon. member, the minister might be allowed to reply briefly.

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry):** We are still looking into the matter, Mr. Speaker.

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### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

#### REASONS FOR CANCELLATION OF VISIT BY MINISTER TO AFRICA

**Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Fundy-Royal):** I have a question for the right hon. Prime Minister. Could he enlighten the House as to the reasons for the cancellation of the visit of the Secretary of State for External Affairs to Africa?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** I believe the Secretary of State for External Affairs considered that until the problem of the kidnapping of Mr. Cross, a foreign representative in Canada, was solved, it would be improper for him to leave the country, at least at this time.

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### CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

#### POSITION RESPECTING MINIMUM WAGE LAWS

**Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North):** I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Would he discuss with Canadian National Railways, which has in the province of Saskatchewan, on the one hand, classified itself as a company coming under federal jurisdiction in order not to have to meet the provincial holiday pay regulations, their attitude, on the other hand, in classifying themselves as a provincial company for the purpose of avoiding having to pay their employees the higher federal minimum wage?

**Hon. Donald Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** I believe that hon. members are aware that part of what might be called this controversy is before the courts vis-à-vis the hotel employees. I will be glad to take the other part under consideration and discuss it with CNR.

#### RETIRED EMPLOYEES' PENSIONS—ACTION TO IMPLEMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR INCREASE

**Mr. Gaetan J. Serré (Nickel Belt):** I have a question for the Minister of Transport. Can the minister tell the House whether he has had any indication that the officials of the CNR will comply with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications concerning increases in the pensions of its employees? If not, what action is he contemplating in order to force the CNR to comply with this recommendation?

### Veterans Allowance Increases

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** I have answered this question in the House previously. I have formally advised the CNR—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I was going to suggest that as the question has been asked and answered we might go on to the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby.

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### NATIONAL SECURITY

#### WAR MEASURES ACT—NON-PROSECUTION FOR ACTS COMMITTED PRIOR TO PROCLAMATION

**Mr. J. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby):** My question is directed to the Prime Minister. Yesterday I asked the Minister of Justice whether he could assure the House that people would not be prosecuted for acts which were not criminal committed prior to the invocation of the War Measures Act. He replied correctly that the administration of the Act resides with the Attorney General of the province of Quebec in this case. Given the importance of this notion and its centrality to the rule of law, would the Prime Minister assure the House that he will make such a recommendation to the Attorney General of Quebec?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** I will ensure that the answer which the minister gave yesterday to the House is brought to the attention of the Attorney General of Quebec.

**Mr. Speaker:** Orders of the day.

### GOVERNMENT ORDERS

#### BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

#### ALLOTTED DAY S.O. 58—VETERANS AFFAIRS—EARLY IM- PLEMENTATION OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND WAR VETERANS ALLOWANCE INCREASES

**Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe)** moved:

That this House urges the government to implement at an early date by way of the appropriate legislative amendments the recommendations contained in the 2nd report of the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs dated 9 June 1970 and in addition thereto to provide for early payment of adequate increases in the allowances under the War Veterans' Allowance Act 1952 as amended.

He said: Mr. Speaker, I think it is significant that we have chosen today to discuss veterans affairs because in a few days, on November 11, we will hold the 52nd memorial service since the end of World War I.

It is significant also that we have reached a stage in our history when suddenly, as a nation, we are faced with a crisis which may affect the freedom which