

**Mr. MacDonald (Cardigan):** This is a government decision which will be taken at the time, and whether the decision is favourable or unfavourable, the announcement will be made.

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### PUBLIC SERVICE

#### PROPOSAL GOVERNMENT DEAL WITH UNIONS REPRESENTING SINGLE SECTORS OF ECONOMY—GOVERNMENT POSITION ON ESTABLISHING LABOUR RELATIONS COUNCIL

**Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley):** My question is for the President of the Treasury Board. Because of the fact that so many different sectors of the economy are being affected by the present GLT group walkouts, could the minister advise the House whether or not he would now perhaps consider looking into the possibility of having single public sectors in the economy dealing with the government as a whole in order to avoid the fragmentation of union power which, for example, has made this specific walkout so widespread?

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (President of Treasury Board):** Mr. Speaker, I have some difficulty with that question because I do not know whether there would be less disruption if all the people were in the same union. If there were to be a strike, it would be a hell of a big strike. I do not think this would serve any useful purpose. Last week when the question was put to me twice I said that a joint committee of the House and of the Senate is looking into the recommendations of the Finkelman report and the hon. member will be welcome to express his views.

**Mr. Jelinek:** The President of the Treasury Board did not understand my question in which I referred to the individual public sectors, not the whole economy. However, my supplementary question to the Minister of Labour is as follows.

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In view of the present work stoppage by the GLT group, could the minister advise this House whether his suggestion made to cabinet in a recent memorandum regarding labour relations in Canada will be implemented, and whether consideration is being given by cabinet to establishing a Canada labour relations council for the purpose of finding, on a continuing basis, solutions to different problems of practice and perception in labour relations, including the problems of fragmentation in the union?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, I am not free to discuss here policies with respect to labour or any other policies discussed in cabinet.

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### HOUSING

#### ROCHDALE COLLEGE—GOVERNMENT ACTION TO EVICT TENANTS AND FIND ALTERNATIVE USE

**Mr. W. C. Scott (Victoria-Haliburton):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of State for Urban Affairs. It

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deals with the report of the York County grand jury recommending that Canadian forces personnel be used to clean up the unholy mess in Rochdale College in Toronto. I would like to ask the minister what action the government has taken or will take regarding this problem which has been existing for four years.

**Hon. Barney Danson (Minister of State for Urban Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, the hon. member probably knows that this is in the hands of the court. There is a court-appointed trustee. Court action is taking place. I am not a lawyer, but I understand that the wheels of justice grind slowly.

**An hon. Member:** Like the cabinet.

**Mr. Danson:** We would like to see this turned over for more beneficial use of the community, and I assure those concerned that while we are going through a legal process, I am keeping close to it. We will do all we can to co-operate and see that the best use of the accommodation available is made if this property returns to CMHC's hands.

**Mr. Scott:** I agree that the wheels of justice grind slowly, but they must need a little grease by now. Why can the minister's department not put this building to some better use so that the citizens of Canada, especially the senior citizens, may receive some value for their tax dollars? I ask him to look into this.

**Mr. Danson:** Mr. Speaker, it is a matter of constant concern. I would like to see this returned to beneficial use for senior citizens or some other use which may be decided upon. I cannot do anything until the courts have made their determination.

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### AIRPORTS

#### ÎLES-DE-LA-MADELEINE AND BONAVENTURE—SUGGESTED TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM PICKERING PROJECT FOR AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION

**Mr. Albert Béchard (Bonaventure-Îles-de-la-Madeleine):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Transport?

Since people from Toronto and the area are still reluctant about the Pickering airport project, would the minister consider transferring part of the funds earmarked for this airport to make the urgent improvements needed at the Îles-de-la-Madeleine's airport and build an airport at Bonaventure?

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**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre.

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare.