

inces, in the measures that were announced by the Minister of Finance which enable the province of British Columbia to finance projects they would not otherwise be able to finance.

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[Translation]

### BANKRUPTCY

#### REPRESENTATIONS BY QUEBEC MINISTER OF JUSTICE ON STUDY COMMITTEE REPORT

**Mr. André Fortin (Loitbinière):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question I wish to direct to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

Following the publication of the report prepared by the study committee on bankruptcy and considering the recommendations contained in this report, has the minister been officially informed as to the Quebec government's concern in this regard and, if so, what attitude does he intend to take?

[English]

**Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** I received a letter from the Minister of Justice of Quebec on January 18. There have been some discussions between officials of our two departments, and I am meeting a representative of the minister this afternoon in my office. Naturally, the Quebec government and anyone else interested in making representations will be and have been invited to do so, and an opportunity before any legislation is introduced for them to make comments will be provided.

[Translation]

**Mr. Fortin:** Mr. Speaker, I want to ask a supplementary question. Since the Quebec authorities are concerned with the fact that some of the recommendations contained in the report might be *ultra vires*, is the minister now insisting on considering these recommendations in order to establish whether such concern is justified?

[English]

**Mr. Basford:** I think the hon. member's questions are based on press reports. They are certainly not based on the letters and communications I received from the government of the province of Quebec.

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### COMMUNICATIONS

#### MEMINI SATELLITE PROJECT—INVOLVEMENT OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN QUEBEC AND FRANCE

**Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough):** I should like to direct a question to the Acting Prime Minister. Is he now

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### Inquiries of the Ministry

in a position to reply to the question I directed on Tuesday regarding the Canadian government's involvement in the discussions and planning in reference to the Memini telecommunications satellite?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, if I can find the reference. Perhaps you could go on to something else and I might be permitted to rise again.

[Later:]

**Mr. Sharp:** I should now like to reply to the question put by the hon. member for Hillsborough. The Canadian government has not been informed of and is not involved in any discussions with or between France and Quebec regarding this project. I take it for granted that no significant step would be taken in such a matter which concerns both Quebec and the federal government without full prior consultation.

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### NATIONAL PARKS

#### BONNE BAY—EXPEDITING OF ESTABLISHMENT TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT

**Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe):** My question is directed to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. In view of the serious unemployment situation, would the minister do his utmost to accelerate work on the creation of a national park at Bonne Bay in western Newfoundland?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** I have already given instructions in that regard, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member is making a representation.

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### NATIONAL DEFENCE

#### ASSURANCE THAT NERVE GAS TESTS ARE NOT BEING CONDUCTED

**Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville):** My question is for the Minister of National Defence but in view of his absence I will direct it to the Acting Prime Minister. In view of the fact that more than 1,000 sheep have died or are dying near a nerve gas testing sight in Utah, can the Acting Prime Minister assure the House that no similar tests are taking place at Suffield, Alberta?

**Mr. Baldwin:** How about the sheep over there?

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