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Following his accurate observation that inflation will seriously affect those on fixed pensions, and unorganized workers, does the right hon. gentleman intend to do something about people in those two categories by introducing improvement in pensions legislation and by encouraging provincial premiers to pass labour legislation permitting more of our workers to become members of a trade union?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I am afraid that, as usual, the hon. member has missed the point. The best way to solve this problem, I believe, is to solve the problem of inflation, and in this regard I should like more co-operation from the members of that party.

INFORMATION CANADA**DEPARTMENTAL POLICY IN PROVIDING PHOTOS OF PROMINENT CANADIANS**

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister without Portfolio in charge of Information Canada, which has not been getting much attention these days. Is it the policy of his department, as evidenced in a recent communication, when requested for photos of prominent Canadian politicians to send pictures of himself and the Secretary of State only, leaving out the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition?

Hon. Robert Stanbury (Minister without Portfolio): Mr. Speaker, I had not realized that my department was so efficient and had such good judgment.

PRIVILEGE**MR. HOWARD (SKEENA)—REPLY TO QUESTION ON THE ORDER PAPER**

Mr. Speaker: Is the hon. member for Skeena (Mr. Howard) rising on a question of privilege?

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Yes, Mr. Speaker. My question relates to an answer given today to a question of mine. I have just received a copy of the written answer. My question was asked on February 24 this year, and apart from the fact that it has taken almost four months to provide such a puny and insignificant answer, I find difficulty in understanding part of it.

My question of privilege relates to the answer itself. The question I asked reads as follows:

During the time that the Honourable John Munro, Minister of National Health and Welfare, was in Prince Rupert, B.C. recently, what is the name of each group with whom he met—

The answer I received, which incidentally fails to explain why it took four months to answer the question is as follows:

I find it difficult to answer the hon. member's question because I did not meet with any group which had a name—

Then, the answer goes on to cover other factors that are not pertinent to that first part of the answer.

My question of privilege is; surely during the time the minister was in Prince Rupert and met with the executive of the Liberal party he came to the conclusion that that group had a name.

Mr. Speaker: Order. This appears to me to be a form of argument, not a question of privilege. I would not think that the matter should be pursued.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS**CANADA ELECTIONS ACT****MEASURE TO CONSOLIDATE AND REVISE**

The House resumed consideration in committee of Bill C-215, respecting the franchise of electors and the election of members to the House of Commons—Mr. Macdonald (Rose-dale)—Mr. Faulkner in the Chair.

The Chairman: Order. House again in committee of the whole on Bill C-215. When the committee rose at one o'clock subclause (3) of clause 14, and a motion to amend proposed thereto by the hon. member for Matane, was under discussion.

On clause 14, subclause (3)—*Certain British subjects deemed electors.*

Mr. Forrestall: Mr. Chairman, when we adjourned at one o'clock, I was regretting the absence from the chamber of the Minister without Portfolio from York-Scarborough. I am pleased to see him here now, smiling and in good health, and I wonder whether he might find it possible to advise the House and Canadians, before we take a vote on this question, of the current thinking of government with regard to citizenship requirements.