

the climate of negotiation which is taking place in the province at this time, would the minister tell the House exactly what conversations did take place, and if such instructions or such suggestions were not in fact made by the minister to the operators of the forest companies in B.C., would he make that absolutely clear to the House at this time?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I can make that clear. I said nothing specific to the forest industry about labour negotiations in any way whatsoever. The tenor of our remarks during consensus discussions are in the documents already tabled in the House.

● (1130)

Mr. Fraser: In view of the seriousness of the allegation, I invite the minister again to make it categorically clear that at no time was it pressed upon the managers of the forest companies in the province of British Columbia that that was the place to hold the line on wages and to use that particular province as an example for wage negotiations in the rest of the country, which is the substance of the allegation. It is a very serious one.

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): I can make that clear and repeat that what the hon. member has stated is so. At no time did I make those representations.

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[Translation]

CRIMINAL CODE

RESOLUTION OF QUEBEC PROVINCIAL POLICE REQUESTING RESTORATION OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Solicitor General of Canada.

A few days ago I asked a question of the Solicitor General about a resolution addressed to him by the Quebec Provincial Police asking that capital punishment be reinstated for premeditated murders. Can the minister say to the House today whether he received that resolution and whether he gave an answer and, if so, what was it?

[English]

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, I read about that resolution in the newspapers, but as far as I know I have not yet received it in my office. When we do receive it, we will prepare a reply.

[Translation]

Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question. May I urge the minister to ask his officials, in view of the seriousness of the situation, to examine carefully the mail arriving at his office, so the minister may consider carefully that very important question, answer that resolution and inform the House about it as soon as possible.

[English]

Mr. Allmand: We do give serious consideration to all correspondence of this nature, especially from police asso-

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ciations, and I will make inquiries today to see whether such a letter has been received at my office.

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FINANCE

INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT—POSSIBILITY OF MONITORING RESULTS AND PRODUCING REPORTS

Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance. It has been reported that the minister said yesterday in Toronto that the investment tax credit proposed in the budget should generate \$8 billion in capital investment over the two year life of the credit. Has the minister set up a system to monitor the operation and actual results of this tax credit program, and if so, can he tell us how the monitoring is to be carried out and if it will produce interim reports before the end of the two year period?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I will have to check the tapes of what I said in Toronto yesterday. That is not exactly how I put it.

An hon. Member: Let's have the tapes.

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): I will produce the tapes.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): I want to assure the hon. gentleman that there is no Rosemary in my office.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): What I said is that if the 5 per cent were geared against that amount of capital investment, it would apply to that amount of investment. I did not say it would in any way generate that amount of investment. Of course, the monitoring is built in the income tax system itself. The credit cannot be claimed unless there are receipts for the building equipment.

Mr. Gray: Can the minister explain why he was willing to have a special monitoring program set up to study the effects of the tax cuts in the 1973 budget and is not as yet willing to set up a separate program to show the effects of this very important proposal?

An hon. Member: The one in 1973 did not work.

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, that is not the answer at all. The answer is that credit can only be claimed for income tax purposes if the necessary receipts are produced.

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HEALTH

PROPOSED FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE—ALLEGATION FEDERAL POSITION NON-NEGOTIABLE

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of