

Inquiries of the Ministry
THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

**INFLATION—ROLLING BACK OF
 TINPLATE PRICE INCREASES**

Mr. Max Saltsman (Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, I direct my question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. On April 13 I asked him a question with regard to rolling back the price of tinplate to comply with some of the criticism made by the Prices and Incomes Commission. At that time the minister indicated that the department was looking at the question and that he would be able to report to the House in a day or so on what action he intends to take. I wonder whether the minister is able to give a report today.

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): No, Mr. Speaker. The Prices and Incomes Commission found that the price increases were within their guidelines but disapproved of the price increase made by one company. The matter is still being considered with regard to whether any action should be taken, but I would point out that the commission recommended that no action be taken in this particular case.

Mr. Saltsman: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Order. There is no time for supplementary questions. The hon. member for Edmonton Centre.

FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS

EFFECT OF RESULT OF QUEBEC ELECTION

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Thank you for your recognition, Mr. Speaker. I wish to direct my question to the Prime Minister. In view of the upcoming result of the election in Quebec, what steps has the Prime Minister taken to deal with the separation of the province of Quebec?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Paproski: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member will recognize that I allowed him to ask the original question, even though the time had expired, because I could not help but notice he had risen on a number of occasions during the question period, so I thought he should be given an opportunity to ask his question. I doubt whether it would be in order to grant him a supplementary when one has just been refused the hon. member for
 [Mr. Speaker.]

Waterloo. Perhaps his supplementary might be asked tomorrow, and I will see whether the hon. member can ask it earlier. Orders of the day.

Mr. Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. I did not do so earlier because I did not want to interrupt the question period which I knew was coming to a close. My question of privilege relates to two replies that were given by the Minister of National Health and Welfare concerning the feasibility study by either Mr. Campbell or by people in the North American Indian Brotherhood of B.C. with respect to the Coqualeetza hospital.

According to a copy of a telegram that the office of my leader, the hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands received yesterday, we are advised that Mr. Campbell sent the minister a telegram on April 20 in which he said:

We received your telegram informing us that it would take you months to enter into an interim agreement with us regarding the use of the Coqualeetza laundry facilities. Your telegram reached us more than three weeks after we supplied you with a feasibility study concerning the Coqualeetza laundry.

I took the reply of the minister to be that he had not received any such feasibility study; yet the telegram stated it was sent three weeks ago. The minister also replied that he had no knowledge of any such telegram; yet the indication is that it was sent two days ago, and as I say a copy was received by the hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands yesterday.

Mr. Speaker: Order. A dispute as to an answer given by a minister is substantially a dispute over the facts of the situation. Such a matter cannot be raised as a question of privilege. Tomorrow the hon. member might ask the question again during the question period, and perhaps this will give the minister the opportunity to reply to the hon. member. Orders of the day.

● (3:20 p.m.)

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

**ARCTIC WATERS POLLUTION
 PREVENTION ACT**

PROVISIONS RESPECTING DEPOSIT OF WASTE,
 PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS OF WORKS,
 SHIPPING SAFETY CONTROL ZONES, ETC.

The House resumed, from Friday, April 17, consideration of the motion of Mr. Chrétien