

## INDIAN AFFAIRS

### REQUEST FOR RESCINDING OF CIRCULAR D-1 PENDING CONSULTATION WITH NATIVE ORGANIZATIONS

**Mr. Cecil Smith (Churchill):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Is the minister aware of a directive sent by the assistant deputy minister to regional directors on February 17 of this year regarding local government programs?

**Hon. Judd Buchanan (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Mr. Speaker, I am not clear whether that is the directive dealing with local government guidelines. I am aware of that, yes. There was a whole series.

**Mr. Smith (Churchill):** In view of the fact the directive indicates program circular D-1 is the cornerstone of Indian local government policy and contains non-negotiable conditions which terms and conditions remain mandatory, will the minister now indicate if the directive is government policy or will he confirm his previous statements concerning consultation with the native people by rescinding the present guidelines until such consultations are complete?

**Mr. Buchanan:** Mr. Speaker, I have indicated in this House on several occasions that they are negotiable in the sense we regard them as being of an interim nature. We are prepared to make changes. In fact, if I could refer to the Standing Order 43 motion put by the hon. member for Battle River, the tender figure has been changed from \$100 to \$500.

### PROVISION IN CIRCULAR D-1 FOR TENDERS FOR ITEMS OVER \$100—REQUEST FOR EXPLANATION

**Mr. Arnold Malone (Battle River):** Mr. Speaker, the minister stated, and it is recorded in *Hansard*, that that review would take place following one year. He might explain to the House the workability of this example in program circular D-1 of asking for a tender on all items of Indian money in excess of \$100. How is that going to be workable in places like Fort Chipewyan and other remote areas where they will not even receive a response to tenders?

**Hon. Judd Buchanan (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Mr. Speaker, as I indicated, that has been changed from \$100 to \$500. It is no longer \$100.

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## ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

### ALLEGATION MEAT FROM DEAD HORSES SOLD IN ONTARIO—INQUIRY AS TO INVESTIGATION BY FORCE

**Mr. Perrin Beatty (Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Solicitor General. It arises from the statement by Mr. Wally Koegler of Kitchener, Ontario, the former chief inspector of the Ontario Humane Society that long before the establishment of the Quebec inquiry into organized crime, the RCMP had been investigating a ring with possible organ-

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ized crime connections that had been selling meat from dead and dying horses in Ontario for years. Is that correct? If so, are such investigations continuing and are charges expected to be laid in connection with this in the near future?

**Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, I do not know about the individual named by the hon. member. However, the RCMP told me they had investigated allegations of bad meat in Ontario as far back as 1969. On each occasion that an allegation of this nature was brought to their attention, they did not find sufficient evidence to lay charges or to prosecute.

**Mr. Beatty:** Has the minister any knowledge of the case mentioned by Mr. Koegler? According to Mr. Koegler, prosecutions were dropped after a key witness changed his story following a threat by a man with a revolver.

**Mr. Allmand:** Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of that particular case, but I will check it. When I asked the RCMP about these stories, I was given an answer in a general way. I will check that situation in more detail.

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## MANPOWER

### POSSIBLE GOVERNMENT MEASURES TO DEAL WITH UNEMPLOYMENT

**Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask the Minister of Manpower and Immigration a question in order to clear up a fuzzy answer he gave me the other day. Has the minister developed any contingency plan to deal with this worsening situation? Can he take the House into his confidence and tell us just what options he is looking at?

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**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** If and when a decision is made on such a program the information will certainly be conveyed to the House.

**Mr. Alexander:** In the light of the fact that the LIP program is about to expire, can the minister assure us that those who will be unemployed this summer will be able to find employment?

**Mr. Andras:** I do not think I can add to my previous answer.

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## SOCIAL SECURITY

### EFFECT OF DEATH OF PENSIONER AGED 65 ON ELIGIBILITY OF SURVIVING SPOUSE UNDER BILL C-62

**Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse):** Mr. Speaker, the Minister of National Health and Welfare being away, I shall direct my question to his parliamentary secretary.