

this means intervening at the present time or not is certainly debatable.

**Mr. McGrath:** Can the minister tell us whether he has now made mediators available to both sides in this dispute, or whether he is prepared to delegate someone, perhaps the hon. member for Verdun or even the hon. member for St. John's East, to represent him?

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### HEALTH

#### ALLEGED SHORTAGE OF MEDICAL SERVICES IN LOW INCOME AREAS—GOVERNMENT ACTION TO RECTIFY

**Mr. Heward Grafftey (Brome-Missisquoi):** Mr. Speaker, the urgency of my question, which is directed to the Minister of National Health and Welfare, can be judged on the basis of a petition containing over 5,000 names which I have just received in my office concerning counties all over Canada, such as Brome County, which now find themselves without the services of a qualified family doctor. My question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare is simply this: Has he been informed that in low-income areas across Canada it is now easier to obtain the services of a veterinary surgeon to treat animals than it is to get a doctor to treat human beings? What action does the minister intend to take in this area?

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**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The question asked in those terms is hardly in order, as the hon. member will recognize.

**Mr. Grafftey:** Mr. Speaker, then I ask the minister what action he intends to take, with the provinces, to make sure that in low-income areas there are more family doctors, more clinics and more medical assistance to rectify this chronic and serious situation.

[Translation]

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, this is a question which has been the object of discussions with the provinces at every meeting of health ministers.

[English]

**Mr. Grafftey:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In view of the grave urgency of this situation, because right now people are being deprived of services which they should be getting—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order please. That is argumentation.

**Mr. Grafftey:** With respect, Mr. Speaker, it is not argument; it is fact.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The Chair recognizes the Leader of the Opposition.

### Oral Questions

#### CANADA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

##### LOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister with regard to the head office of Canada Development Corporation, about which there seems to be some difference of opinion within the corporation. Can the Prime Minister reassure the House that the headquarters of Canada Development Corporation will be in Vancouver both for purposes of policy determination and also in terms of operations? In other words, will the headquarters of Canada Development Corporation be in Vancouver, as the Prime Minister has assured the House?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, the assurances I gave to the House are well known to the directors of Canada Development Corporation and, for greater certainty, our government representatives on the board of the corporation were told anew what our instructions were when I communicated to the House how the corporation was to be set up.

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#### CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

##### SUGGESTED RECAPITALIZATION TO ENABLE COMPANY TO MEET PAYROLLS—GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Finance arising out of his straightforward answer to my question of last Friday on recapitalization of the Canadian National Railways' system. The minister said that in his view, in the long-term interests of the country there should be recapitalization both of the CNR and of Air Canada. I ask the minister whether he and his officials are studying this matter and does he have any proposals to put before the government? Will he be presenting proposals to parliament later this year?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, we have had this question under active review with the Department of Transport, but for the moment I prefer to see whether we can get the current financing bill through and tidy up the situation.

**Mr. Benjamin:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. As we have already informed the government House leader that the bill could go through second reading in one day, if he calls it, I ask the Minister of Finance if he would consider urging the government House leader to refer the matter of CN financing to the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications this fall?

**Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton):** Mr. Speaker, I am sure the government House leader is aware of the importance of the bill, but I would not want at the moment to add to his immediate problems.