

to make up even a precis of the Stanbury-Fields taxation report, and in the light of the refusal so far to table certain correspondence with the provinces about the education of Indian children, as well as in the light of the delay—I could go on at some length, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Howard (Skeena):** I could go on—

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member will not be able to go on throughout the question period.

**Mr. Howard (Skeena):** I did not intend to; the list is tremendous. I should like to ask the minister this question. Now that a certain obstacle has been removed from his way, could he proceed to clear up some of these long-standing questions before the other minister returns?

[Translation]

#### HOUSING

##### INQUIRY AS TO ESTABLISHMENT OF CO-OPERATIVES

**Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport.

In view of the constant increase in the interest rate and of the fact that the recent report of the task force suggested the establishment of co-operatives which later would become an investment bank for housing, could the minister tell the house whether discussions aiming to establish such co-operatives are being held?

**Mr. Speaker:** I think the hon. member's question should be put on the order paper.

[English]

#### VOCATIONAL TRAINING

##### RAIL FARE TO MANPOWER UPGRADING STUDENTS

**Mr. W. C. Scott (Victoria-Haliburton):** My question is for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration, Mr. Speaker. Will the hon. gentleman reconsider his department's decision not to pay students attending manpower upgrading courses their return fares to go home at Easter, in view of the fact that these students were given to understand, until this week, that such payments would be made, as they had been made at Christmas?

**Mr. Speaker:** I suggest to the hon. member that the question he is asking now relates to a matter which will be under debate in a few minutes.

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#### Inquiries of the Ministry

#### COMMUNICATIONS

##### STUDY OF MEDIA OWNERSHIP BY HOUSE COMMITTEE

**Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre):** My question is directed to the Minister of Transport, Mr. Speaker. Is it the intention of the government to refer the question of media ownership and operation to an appropriate house committee, similar to the Davey committee in the other place?

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport):** There is no intention to do so at the moment, Mr. Speaker. I think it might be a duplication of effort at this stage. We shall follow with interest the investigation being carried out in the other place, and if the report of that committee indicates that any action is necessary, consideration will be given to it at that time.

**Mr. Paproski:** Will the policy of awarding cable television licences to publishing firms be reviewed, either by the appropriate committee of the house or by the government, in view of recent awards in this field by the Canadian Radio-Television Commission?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council):** Perhaps I can remind the hon. member that, unless I am mistaken, the appropriate estimates are still under consideration by the Standing Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts. If he and other members wish to bring this question before that committee they might well consult the chairman and their colleagues on the committee.

[Later:]

##### REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON INTELSAT DISCUSSIONS

**Mr. Louis-Roland Comeau (South Western Nova):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Postmaster General in his capacity as minister in charge of communications. Can he say whether it is his intention to make a statement on motions outlining progress made at the Intelsat meeting which has just ended and outlining in particular the position Canada took with regard to regional satellite systems?

**Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General):** Mr. Speaker, I believe the Intelsat conference was fairly well covered by the press. The major outcome—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I suggest to the hon. member and to the minister that the only