

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

much needed 15 per cent increase in their pensions, which was to have gone into effect on January 1 last?

**Hon. Roger Teillet (Minister of Veterans Affairs):** It will, of course, go into effect as from January 1 as soon as the house sees fit to pass the supplementary estimates.

[*Later:*]

**Mr. G. L. Chatterton (Esquimalt-Saanich):** May I put a supplementary question to the Minister of Veterans Affairs. On the undertaking of the opposition to deal promptly with the estimates of his department, will the hon. gentleman assure us that those estimates will be brought before the house without further delay?

**Mr. Teillet:** These estimates are already before the house to be dealt with.

**Mr. Chatterton:** Can the minister say when they will be brought before the house?

**Mr. Teillet:** They are before the house now.

**FINANCE**INQUIRY AS TO AMENDMENT OF FARM  
IMPROVEMENT LOANS ACT

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie):** I should like to ask the Minister of Finance whether we can expect amendments to the Farm Improvement Loans Act to be introduced prior to any adjournment which may come about in the course of the next three weeks or so.

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance):** I do not think it will be on the order of business, but of course that would depend on how much longer the house sits. I find it difficult to answer the question.

**THE CANADIAN ECONOMY**INQUIRY AS TO STATEMENT ON PRICES  
REVIEW BOARD

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. David Lewis (York South):** I should like to address a question to the Prime Minister arising out of a statement he made toward the end of last week, when he said he would be making a statement today on the proposed prices and wages review board. Since the right hon. gentleman did not do so on motions, would he be good enough to inform us when he intends to make that statement?

[Mr. Alkenbrack.]

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** I intend to make a speech, if I am permitted, and I will refer to this matter in the course of that speech.

**INDUSTRY**SYDNEY, N.S.—ADDITIONAL FEDERAL  
ASSISTANCE RESPECTING  
STEEL PLANT

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton South):** I have a question for the Prime Minister. Last Monday the right hon. gentleman indicated that correspondence had been sent to Premier Smith in connection with the Sydney steel situation. As of Friday this correspondence had not arrived. I wonder whether the Prime Minister would check with his office to see whether it was actually put into the mail.

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** A letter has gone to the premier, and a telegram was sent to him today asking if he agrees to having it tabled.

REVIEW OF DESIGNATED AREA POLICY  
RESPECTING ATLANTIC PROVINCES

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax):** My question is directed to the Minister of Industry. Has the minister yet received the study of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council showing that the slowest city growth rates in Canada exist in the maritimes, and would he now re-examine the request to have the whole of Atlantic Canada made a designated area?

**Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry):** Yes, Mr. Speaker.

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**WEST GERMANY—OBJECTIONS TO DRAFT  
NUCLEAR TREATY

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. D. S. Harkness (Calgary North):** I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. What position has the Canadian government taken with regard to the objections raised by the government of West Germany to the draft treaty on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, particularly in regard to the four further safeguards which the West Germany government has stated to be necessary?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I suggest the hon. member is now asking a question which is