

large and importantly affected groups are enabled to appear before that committee and give testimony?

**Mr. Benson:** Mr. Speaker, who appears before the committee is up to the committee, not the Minister of Finance. However, I can assure my hon. friend that I will provide hon. members with all the information they desire in regard to the changes to the Estate Tax Act. I think it might also be wise if some people who are making statements in connection with this matter would properly inform themselves before so doing.

**Mr. Hees:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Is this the Prime Minister's idea of the government having a dialogue with the people of Canada to find out their views on important questions.

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

#### HIGHWAY SAFETY

##### REQUEST FOR STATEMENT FOLLOWING MEETING WITH PROVINCIAL MINISTERS

**Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Transport about the important meeting the government house leader said the minister had the other day with the provincial ministers on the subject of highway safety. Could the minister make a statement about the outcome of that meeting, and about plans and decisions made with regard to highway safety?

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I think the most significant aspects of the meeting were reported in the press release. I do not know if my friend has had a chance to see it; if not, I shall be glad to send him a copy of it. In effect, the provincial governments welcomed a role for the federal government in research, in co-operation with the provinces. Furthermore they welcome the idea, if it should meet with the approval of the government and parliament, of our introducing legislation designed to control the standards of automobile manufacture at the manufacturers' level. It was a most productive meeting and, I think, a good step in the direction of close and harmonious co-operation between federal and provincial levels of government in this most important area.

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#### *Inquiries of the Ministry*

[Translation]

#### NATIONAL PARKS

##### QUEBEC—NEGOTIATIONS RESPECTING ESTABLISHMENT

**Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Having mentioned several times that Quebec had no federal park, while the federal government has spent \$225 million in the other States during the past ten years, the minister told me that negotiations were taking place and that he might make a statement later on.

I would like to ask him now whether negotiations are still in progress between the federal government and the province of Quebec regarding the planning of those federal parks, how far they have gone, and if there is disagreement, what is it about, as it seems that everybody is anxious to get an answer on the subject?

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Mr. Speaker, I can tell the hon. member that we made a concrete proposal to the government of the province of Quebec in October 1968; we are still expecting its reply.

As for us, we are ready to proceed.

**Mr. Fortin:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to put a supplementary question.

I thank the minister for his answer, and I would like to ask him whether Quebec has acknowledged the offers made by federal government, and what they were.

**Mr. Speaker:** The supplementary question is of a general nature, it seems to me. I do not feel it is very urgent; the hon. member could put it on the order paper. If it is urgent, he could discuss it on the adjournment motion.

**Mr. Fortin:** At ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

#### INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

**Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. In the interests of higher education would he identify the "pip squeak" universities he recently referred to?

**An hon. Member:** Is that a degree?