

## HEALTH AND WELFARE

MEDICARE—REQUEST FOR ANSWER TO  
QUESTION ON ORDER PAPER

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. E. D. Fulton (Kamloops):** Mr. Speaker, I had been hoping to direct a question to the Secretary of State. On Wednesday last the hon. lady was good enough to say she would seek to ascertain the reason my question No. 727 had not yet been answered. I am wondering whether the hon. lady has obtained the information necessary in order that this question can be answered.

**Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, I understand that it will probably be answered later this week.

**Mr. Fulton:** Before or after adjournment?

**Miss LaMarsh:** Depending on whether we adjourn early or late.

**Mr. Fulton:** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister a supplementary question. Would the right hon. gentleman be good enough to take a look at question No. 727 and see if he does not agree with me that it specifically asks whether certain information is in the possession of the government, and, if so, that that information be given. Would the right hon. gentleman take a look at this question and see that the rules and customs of this house are maintained and that the privileges of members are protected by giving an answer to it without further delay?

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I have already looked at it along with other questions, and I should like to point out that many more questions have been answered in this session of parliament than in any other session in our history.

**Mr. Fulton:** Mr. Speaker, I was asking the Prime Minister whether he would see to it that this record is not spoiled by failing to answer question No. 727.

## INDUSTRY

REVIEW OF DESIGNATED AREA POLICY  
RESPECTING ATLANTIC PROVINCES

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax):** Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Industry, and it arises from his answer last week to my question regarding expansion of the operations of the area development agency to all parts of Atlantic Canada. Would the minister

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now state whether new legislation or any changes to the regulations are being proposed and, if so, when?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order.

[Later:]

**Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Albert):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Industry with reference to the affirmative answer given to the hon. member for Halifax, as reported at page 7468 of *Hansard*, with respect to the designated areas in the maritimes. In view of the great interest and the new optimism this affirmative answer has created, will the minister say whether he would welcome new approaches by the mayors of the cities affected in this matter?

**Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry):** Mr. Speaker, I am afraid the hon. member for Halifax has been scooped on his question, notice of which he gave me earlier. The answer to both interrogations is the same. The most recent report of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council has not disclosed any new information or any new consideration which would lead to a revision of the program.

**Mr. Bell (Saint John-Albert):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask a question that naturally follows. Why did the minister say, as reported at page 7468, that yes, he was going to re-examine this matter of designated areas?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member for Greenwood.

**Mr. Bell (Saint John-Albert):** Mr. Speaker, on a point of order. Yes or no?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. Would the hon. member kindly resume his seat. The hon. member asked the minister why the minister had said yes to a question previously asked. According to the rules this is certainly not a proper question.

**Mr. Drury:** Mr. Speaker, by way of clarification of my answer—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I suggest that unless the hon. member wants to rephrase this question this matter cannot be pursued.

**Mr. Bell (Saint John-Albert):** In order to be helpful, Mr. Speaker, I will take your advice and rephrase my question. Is the minister planning any new measures or to re-examine this matter of the new designations of Halifax, Saint John and Fredericton in the maritimes?