

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I am not sure I understand all the implications of the question, but if it is a suggestion that we intervene in municipal affairs I understand this is not the desire at least of the Prime Minister of Ontario. It seems to me the hon. member and the Leader of the Opposition are following a policy of confrontation on this matter.

**Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West):** Mr. Speaker, it is obvious that the Prime Minister misunderstood the whole question. My question is: Will there be active encouragement of the municipalities, through their representatives and with the consent of the provinces, to appear before the special committee of Parliament on the constitution in order to discuss the question of reallocation of tax and financial resources to the municipalities?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Well, Mr. Speaker, I do not believe the parliamentary committee on the constitution will be discussing the question of tax resources, at least not at the outset, and the desirability thereof. However, if the provincial governments wished to authorize their municipal people to appear before the parliamentary committee and if the parliamentary committee wanted them to appear, the government certainly would have no objection.

**Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West):** I have a further supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Would it be the intention of the government, with the consent of the provinces, to invite the municipalities of Canada to send official representatives to further federal-provincial conferences on fiscal relations and the constitution?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** I have stated before, Mr. Speaker, that at federal-provincial conferences the provinces compose their delegations in the way they want. If they want to include in their delegations municipal representatives they are perfectly able to do so and the federal government, of course, can do nothing else but accept the delegation as composed by the provincial government.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member knows that the question as asked is not in order.

**Mr. Stewart (Marquette):** May I rephrase my question? Was the hon. member for Provencher announcing government policy when he made this statement publicly in Manitoba?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Again the ruling made by the Chair a moment ago applies to the question asked by the hon. member. It is not in order in those terms.

## POLLUTION

## REQUEST FOR DECLARATION OF PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL DAY AS NATIONAL HOLIDAY

**Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw):** My question is directed to the right hon. Prime Minister. In view of the number one priority the government of Canada has placed on the environmental problem, particularly as it pertains to pollution control, and in view of the announcement that Environmental Day will be held in Canada probably some time in October, would the Prime Minister announce this day as a national holiday so that all the people of Canada can join in this wonderful demonstration?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I might tell the House that if I were to announce a national holiday for every important day which is brought to my attention by respected groups across the country we would not work on any day of the year.

**Mr. Lewis:** What's wrong with that?

**Mr. Skoberg:** I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Would the right hon. Prime Minister recognize the importance of this day and recommend to this House that it be a national holiday?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, but what about Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day and all these other days?

**An hon. Member:** They fall on a Sunday.

## REPORTED STATEMENT ON CAPITAL GAINS TAX ON HOMES

**Mr. Craig Stewart (Marquette):** I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Finance. Has the minister told the Liberal caucus that there will never be a capital gains tax on homes?

## BANFF AND JASPER—PROVISION OF SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES

**Mr. P. V. Noble (Grey-Simcoe):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. When does the gov-