

ans, or just what is the intention in respect of this hospital?

**Mr. MacDonald (Cardigan):** Mr. Speaker, this hospital comes under the same policy we have had since 1964. Upon completion of negotiations satisfactory to us, and of course they must be satisfactory to the province, there is a plan that there will be so many priority beds. In all cases to date, the administration of veterans' hospitals is carried out by the province, a university or a municipality, whichever accepts the responsibility. I think all these things are clear and settled, but we are at the negotiation stage and no decision can be made until they are completed.

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#### ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

##### DATE OF INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION CONCERNING YOUNG OFFENDERS

**Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey-White Rock):** Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact the government has been for some time considering changing the Juvenile Delinquents Act to a young offenders act and introducing other relevant changes, would the Minister of Justice give an indication as to the progress of this bill and when the House can expect to be dealing with it?

**Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, we are preparing legislation for young offenders in conjunction with the provinces. We hope to have a draft bill and a white paper prepared for the early spring.

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#### MANPOWER

##### PURPOSE OF "ENTREPRENEUR PROGRAM"—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT

**Mr. F. Oberle (Prince George-Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, several of my colleagues as well as myself have been receiving inquiries regarding a new program under the ministry of manpower and immigration. It is my understanding that offices have been set up in various areas of the country, but I have been unable through the usual channels to find out more about this program which I think is called the "entrepreneur program". Is the minister in a position today to inform the House of the purpose of this program, for what areas of Canada it is intended and, more importantly, how is it to be funded?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I believe I did make it clear, perhaps during a previous parliament, that this is a very small component of the Local Initiatives Program. I will check back in the record to find out when I said this, but I cannot give details now. We are examining projects in a few areas across Canada which may or may not be approved, depending on their quality. I will undertake to make a statement in a month or so, or to communicate with specific hon. members who have a particular interest in this.

#### Federal-Provincial Relations

**Mr. Marshall:** I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I hesitate to impose on the House, but in the minister's answer he seemed to suggest that I would get further elaboration on veterans' housing from the Minister of Veterans Affairs. It appeared to me that the minister was ready to get up and announce a program in respect of veterans' housing. I wonder if he is prepared to do that now.

**Mr. Danson:** I did say at a later date.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The reason I did not allow the hon. member to follow up with a supplementary was that the implication by the minister in his answer to the question was that legislation in respect of which the hon. member expressed an interest would be tabled in the House tomorrow, at which time, depending on the content of the legislation, the hon. member could follow up his question.

#### GOVERNMENT ORDERS

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##### ACT RESPECTING OFFICE OF SECRETARY TO THE CABINET FOR FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS AND CLERK OF PRIVY COUNCIL

##### MEASURE TO PROVIDE FOR APPOINTMENT AND REMUNERATION

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister)** moved that Bill C-38, respecting the office of the Secretary to the Cabinet for Federal-Provincial Relations and respecting the Clerk of the Privy Council, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates.

He said: Mr. Speaker, this is a short and straightforward bill of importance to the continuing conduct of federal-provincial relations at the federal level. I should think it requires a relatively brief explanation.

The legislative amendments proposed would, in essence, create the position of a secretary to the cabinet for federal-provincial relations and establish a federal-provincial relations office. They are proposed at this time because the government recognizes the need to respond more effectively than ever to changes and challenges in our federal system of government.

Federal-provincial relations have always been important in Canada. However, the range and complexity of subject areas has evolved over the past ten years. The changes and challenges referred to, Mr. Speaker, concern the growing inter-relationship of the two orders of government which, in turn, reflects the increasing interdependence of our society.

As indicated in the speech from the Throne, there are few actions that can be taken today by one order of government without regard for the actions of the other.