

Inquiries of the Ministry

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I can assure my hon. friend that the resolution is being given very careful consideration. I received it only yesterday, and I think I can assure him there will be no delay in the completion of the project.

Mr. Nielsen: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: This question could not be accepted by the Chair. The hon. member is making allegations.

Mr. Nielsen: Mr. Speaker, I wish to give notice to discuss it at ten o'clock. They are not allegations at all. It is just as important as the causeway.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. There is no assurance that the question will be accepted for ten o'clock.

WATER RESOURCES**GREAT LAKES—REQUEST FOR REPORT ON MEETING RESPECTING POLLUTION**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. E. D. Fulton (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys whether he can tell us when the report on the meetings between himself and officials of the government of Ontario with regard to pollution of the great lakes will be ready? On Monday, March 24 he was kind enough to say the report was being prepared. Can we expect it before the Easter adjournment?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys): I do not think so, Mr. Speaker. This is not an ordinary report. It is an analysis of what is being done by both governments. I think it should be in after the recess.

Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka): As a supplementary question, can the minister advise the house whether similar discussions are proceeding with the United States government concerning a joint pollution control program?

Mr. Pepin: Discussions at the technical level are conducted regularly. Discussions at the political level are contemplated.

EXPO '67**USE BY EDMONTON OF "KLONDIKE" THEME**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. Will the minister, on behalf of the federal government, communicate with the officials of Expo '67 in the interests of preserving our national history undistorted, asking them to ensure that no promotional publicity prepared or being prepared under the direction of Expo will contain any reference to Edmonton's dishonest use of the Klondike resource?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Nicolet-Yamaska.

[Mr. McQuaid.]

[Translation]

TRADE**QUEBEC—CAR LICENCE PLATES PROMOTING EXPO '67 AND CENTENNIAL**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Clément Vincent (Nicolet-Yamaska): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce.

We have learned with great pleasure that the Quebec Minister of Transport, Hon. Claire Kirkland-Casgrain, had announced that car plates for 1967 would underline two great events: Expo '67 and the Canadian Centennial. I should like to commend the minister on her initiative—

Mr. Speaker: Order. Would the hon. member put his question?

Mr. Vincent: Is the Minister of Trade and Commerce aware of that decision and does he propose to hold a meeting with the ministers of the other provinces to decide now—

Mr. Speaker: Order. That question should be placed on the order paper.

[English]

INQUIRIES OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Minister of National Defence. In view of the recent request by General de Gaulle that all NATO forces leave France unless they come under French command, and in view of the consideration being given by his department to a new policy, would he seize this unexpected opportunity to examine the policies of the New Democratic party with respect to NATO before coming to a decision?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.