

Inquiries of the Ministry

weeks ago. I will, of course, try to dispose of it before the expiration of the extension given by the CTC, but I take it that this will not make any difference to the carrying on of Wardair's operations.

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FINANCE

ROLE OF PROVINCES IN FIGHT AGAINST INFLATION—
COST-SHARING AGREEMENTS TO CREATE JOBS
AND PAY WELFARE BUDGETS

Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, my question is diverted to the Prime Minister. Was the Minister of Labour outlining government policy in his criticism of the role of the provinces in the fight against inflation? If so, is this the basis of the government's refusal to enter into any new cost-sharing agreements to create jobs or to pay welfare budgets?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, on the first point, my I say this is not a matter of policy but a matter of opinion. With regard to the second point, this is not an assertion of fact. The facts are not as the hon. member has related them.

Mr. Ryan: In light of the statement of the Minister of Labour, is the government concerned that provincial deficits will be inflationary and, if so, is it reconsidering its refusal to provide any further assistance to them?

Mr. Trudeau: There has been no refusal. On the contrary, we have extended assistance to the provinces on an increasing scale as this booklet indicates, and as the various statements by ministers have indicated.

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HEALTH

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON POSSIBLE LIFTING OF
BAN ON CYCLAMATES

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. This is a matter of deep concern to many people who, for health reasons, have to use cyclamates. In view of the fact that cyclamates have been banned in diabetic foods and other foods but are allowed in diabetic medication and infant medication, and in view of the fact that cyclamates can be bought over the counter, will the minister make a statement on motions clarifying whether he proposes to lift this ban and whether the sale of cyclamates is legal or illegal?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Yes, I will make a statement shortly.

[Mr. Jamieson.]

GOVERNMENT ORDERS**GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION ACT, 1970**

PROVISIONS RESPECTING DEPARTMENTAL REORGANIZATION,
MINISTRIES OF STATE, PARLIAMENTARY
SECRETARIES, ETC.

The House resumed, from Tuesday, February 16, consideration in committee of Bill C-207, respecting the organization of the Government of Canada and matters related or incidental thereto—Mr. Trudeau—Mr. Honey in the chair.

On clause 2—*Short title*

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Chairman, I rise on a point of order which relates to the fact that in the bill now about to be considered by the committee of the whole, as in several other bills we have considered recently, there is a reference to the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1970. I wonder whether sometime soon we might have an indication as to when we shall see the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1970?

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): I hope before the end of this session, Mr. Chairman.

The Chairman: Order, please. The House is again in committee of the whole on Bill C-207. When the committee rose last evening clause 2 of the bill, with the amendment by the hon. member for St. John's East was being considered.

Is the committee ready for the question on the amendment?

Mr. McGrath: Mr. Chairman, I rise on a point of order. I am glad to see the hon. member for Gaspé getting ready to participate in the debate. I welcome this participation and look forward to it. He is the first member of the Liberal party representing a fishing constituency to show any interest in this particular subject at this stage of our proceedings.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. McGrath: Hon. members opposite should restrain themselves because this matter is of some concern. My point of order relates to the tabling in the House today of the estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1972. Those estimates contain a section dealing with the department of environment and, therefore, set out certain items for the current fiscal year in respect of a department which does not exist. That is the substance of my point of order.

In addition, this fact places members of the committee under a severe handicap because we are discussing at the present time an amendment which would have the effect, if it is approved by the committee, of changing the name of this department. This government has been so bold as to anticipate the approval of this measure and has brought estimates forward in the name of the new department. I submit to the Chair and to the committee