

## BROADCASTING

SUGGESTED REFERENCE OF ACT TO  
COMMITTEE IN LIGHT OF TECH-  
NOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS

**Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants):** May I direct a question to the Secretary of State? Because of the rapid advance of technology in the communications field, will the minister agree to a suggestion that the Broadcasting Act be considered by the relevant committee and that the committee be empowered to recommend changes? Will he report to the House on motions at an appropriate time as to the merits, if any, of this suggestion?

[Translation]

**Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, the hon. member's suggestion is an interesting one, especially because it is based on technological changes, but before answering I would like to consider it more closely.

**Mr. McCleave:** Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

## THE CANADIAN CONSTITUTION

QUEBEC—POWER TO AMEND SECTION 128 OF  
BRITISH NORTH AMERICA ACT

**Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister.

As he surely knows that in Quebec a group of separatist members of Parliament are refusing to take the oath of allegiance to the Queen and, because of this, are not authorized to sit in the National Assembly, and in view of the provisions of section 128 of the British North America Act, would the Prime Minister tell the House whether the province of Quebec could amend this section without first consulting the federal government?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order! The member will certainly recognize that he wants the Prime Minister to express a legal opinion and that his question is obviously out of order.

**Mr. Caouette:** Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask a supplementary or rather an amended question. Can section 128 of the constitution be amended by the province only?

**Mr. Speaker:** I am afraid that this second question is too similar to the first one to be in order.

## Inquiries of the Ministry

[English]

## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

PERMISSION TO UNITED STATES TO STORE  
NUCLEAR WEAPONS AT ARGENTIA,  
NEWFOUNDLAND

**Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question I should like to direct to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. May I ask the minister whether permission was sought by the United States government to store nuclear weapons at Argentina. If so, was permission given?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I have had to answer questions of this kind on many occasions by saying that I can make no comment on the positioning of nuclear weapons in Canada, either to comment negatively or positively.

**Mr. Carter:** A supplementary question. I appreciate the need for the minister to remain silent but perhaps he might give me some hint as to the position. If an explosion took place in the area, should the people there start praying or start running?

[Later:]

**Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate):** Mr. Speaker, my question is supplementary to that asked by the hon. member for St. John's West. Would the minister give the House an undertaking to investigate the report referred to by the hon. member for St. John's West and to make a full report to the House on motions before the termination of the session, indicating the basis for the report and whether or not there is a reasoned explanation of why Canada cannot inform its 22 million people about the establishment of nuclear weapons on Canadian soil?

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, I think the reason for not discussing these matters is fairly obvious; it is one of security.

REINSTATEMENT OF SUGAR REBATE TO  
CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES

**Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs and relates to a question I asked the Prime Minister, as reported on page 7894, of *Hansard* for June 9, with regard to reinstating the sugar rebate to Caribbean countries. I believe that at that time the Prime Minister thought we were