

*Oral Questions*

whether he will be agreeable to putting a time limit on how long the joint committee may sit, such as two or three weeks, even though they have to sit all day so that we can get some action?

**Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I think that is a decision for the House.

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**TAXATION****POSSIBILITY OF REPEAL OF TAX ON BUILDING MATERIALS TO LOWER COST OF HOUSES**

**Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the minister responsible for housing and urban affairs, or maybe the question ought to be answered by the Minister of Finance, whether, as it is stated in the Speech from the Throne that one of the problems of the government is that of supplying low cost housing, it is the government's intention to repeal the 11 per cent sales tax which is keeping houses at such high prices that few people can afford to buy them?

**Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of State for Urban Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, that is properly a budgetary question and is within the purview of my colleague the Minister of Finance.

**Mr. Woolliams:** Mr. Speaker, may I address my question to the Minister of Finance. He has heard the question in reference to the 11 per cent sales tax. I am sure he is aware that the provision of low cost housing is referred to in the Speech from the Throne. Has there been a discussion about this tax, will it be considered and will it be repealed?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, there was no implication in the Speech from the Throne relating to the 11 per cent sales tax.

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**HOUSING****WHITSON GARDENS SUBDIVISION, CHELMSFORD, ONT.—  
ACTION TO MAINTAIN VALUE OF HOUSES NOT SUBJECT  
TO FORECLOSURE**

**Mr. John Rodriguez (Nickel Belt):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of State for Urban Affairs. Is the minister aware of the problems facing the purchasers of homes in the Whitson Gardens subdivision in Chelmsford, Ontario? Is the minister prepared to take steps to ensure that those homeowners in the subdivision who are not directly affected will be guaranteed by CMHC that the houses foreclosed by the Toronto-Dominion Bank will be used so as to maintain the former value of houses in the subdivision?

**Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of State for Urban Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I am aware of the problem and have asked for a full report from Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. I have instructed the corporation to co-oper-

[Mr. Nesbitt.]

ate fully in the investigation being carried on by the Department of Consumer Affairs of the government of Ontario. When I have all these reports I will take note of the hon. member's representation to assure that people, in so far as it is within the power of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation to do so, are not adversely affected.

**Mr. Rodriguez:** Will the minister consider discussing with the Ontario Housing Corporation the best possible use of the houses foreclosed by the Toronto-Dominion Bank so that the former value of the other houses in the subdivision may be maintained?

**Mr. Basford:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would be happy to do so.

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[Translation]

**CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION  
INQUIRY RESPECTING DIFFICULTIES OF AN ANNOUNCER  
IN EUROPE**

**Mr. Roland Godin (Portneuf):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Secretary of State.

Is he aware of representations made by friends of Mr. Gaétan Barrette, an announcer employed by the CBC, who is now encountering some difficulties in Europe? If so, would the minister state what he proposes to do concerning this case?

[English]

**Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of these representations but I will look into them and bring back a report.

**Mr. Baldwin:** In due course, of course.

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**INCOME TAX****SUGGESTED EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR FILING  
RETURNS IN LIGHT OF NEW FORMS**

**Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to address my question to the Minister of National Revenue. In view of the very difficult, complex and comprehensive new income tax forms that must be filled out by Canadian taxpayers, is the minister giving consideration to extending the time by which those returns must be completed and returned?

**Hon. Robert Stanbury (Minister of National Revenue):** Mr. Speaker, from the experience with preliminary forms which have already been filed by many people leaving the country or on behalf of estates—

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Stanbury:** There will be many more people filing who will be coming into the country.

**An hon. Member:** Illegally.