

**Mr. Alexander:** Perhaps the parliamentary secretary misunderstood me. I was not referring to the specific directions that were given to the advisory committee with respect to the abuses which were going to be considered. I am talking about the specific statutory demands made on the advisory committee, and I hope the parliamentary secretary will look into that.

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### CANADA PENSION PLAN

#### DATE OF INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO AMEND— POSSIBLE TIME OF IMPLEMENTATION

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the fact that this part of the session is lasting longer than had been anticipated, will the minister now make an effort to introduce, before we rise for the summer adjournment, his major bill to amend the Canada Pension Plan? I refer to the one that will deal with the ceiling on annual escalation and will also deal with the raising of the YMPE, the yearly maximum pensionable earnings?

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, I do not see any way in which this bill could be introduced before late in the fall.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, is it still the commitment, or at least the hope, of the government that this amending legislation will be in effect by January 1?

**Mr. Lalonde:** I do not remember ever having made a commitment that it would be in effect by January 1, but it would be our hope that it would be in effect as soon as possible in the next year. If January 1 proves to be possible, we will certainly facilitate it.

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### INCOME TAX

#### EXCESSIVE DEDUCTION OF TAX FROM UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE RECIPIENTS—REQUEST FOR EARLY REFUNDS

**Mr. Reg Stackhouse (Scarborough East):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In light of the way in which the computer of the Unemployment Insurance Commission shut down after deducting roughly \$24 million more in taxes than it should have from benefit cheques between January and June, and in light of the fact that recipients will have to wait until next year to get their money back, would the minister and the government consider some way by which the recipients could receive a refund before that date?

**Mr. Mark MacGuigan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I am not sure that this is not a question which is more validly directed to the Minister of National Revenue, but

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as I understand it the law does not provide for any such refund until the taxation period has expired.

**Mr. Stackhouse:** Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Manpower and Immigration, and in the absence of the Minister of National Revenue, may I ask the Prime Minister if some consideration could be given by the government to making a special concession to the numbers of people who have suffered through no fault of their own but through the fault of this government agency?

**Hon. Herb Gray (Acting Minister of National Revenue):** Mr. Speaker, I will be pleased to bring the hon. member's representation to the attention of the Minister of National Revenue.

#### CORPORATE RETURNS—LACK OF AVAILABILITY OF FORMS—REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF FILING DATE

**Mr. Walter Baker (Grenville-Carleton):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Prime Minister in the absence of the Minister of National Revenue. In view of the fact that thousands of large and small businesses in Canada must file their corporate income tax returns by July 31, 1973, and that it will take at least three weeks to make the appropriate forms available to these taxpayers, would the minister consider extending the date for filing such returns by one month in order that the taxpayers, their accountants and the department will not be put to unnecessary expense, delay and confusion?

**Hon. Herb Gray (Acting Minister of National Revenue):** Mr. Speaker, I will be pleased to see that the hon. member's question is brought promptly to the attention of the Minister of National Revenue.

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### CITIZENSHIP

#### POSSIBLE USE OF INFORMATION CANADA TO CONVINC PEOPLE TO APPLY—SUGGESTED WAIVING OF FEE FOR OLD AGE PENSIONERS

**Mr. Duncan M. Beattie (Hamilton Mountain):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of State. In view of his recent statement that almost one million eligible residents have yet to apply for Canadian citizenship, could the minister tell me if he will use the facilities of Information Canada to try to convince these people that citizenship in this country is a worthwhile goal and, secondly, has he given special consideration to waiving the citizenship fee for old age pensioners who qualify?

**Hon. Hugh James Faulkner (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, I will be pleased to consider the first option, and at this moment I am not considering the second.