

that which existed when the Indian arrangement was entered into, when in fact there was no such regime.

**Mr. Lawrence:** A final supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Certainly the minister is misunderstanding the point that I am trying to make, that point being that we have apparently surpassed the safeguards under the non-proliferation treaty. I am asking the minister whether the government honestly feels that the safeguards procedure and inspection personnel of IAEA are good enough, when we have already surpassed the safeguards.

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** Mr. Speaker, I still think the hon. gentleman is confused. If he is asking do I share a negative opinion about the International Atomic Energy Agency, I do not believe that there is any information is external affairs, or in this department of the Atomic Energy Control Board, to justify a negative judgment about the competence or willingness of that agency to carry out its stated duties.

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### HOUSING

#### LIMITED DIVIDEND PROJECTS—MEASURES TO ENSURE RENT INCREASES REFLECT ACTUAL COST INCREASES

**Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the minister of state responsible for housing. Considering the month over month increase in the cost of housing between May and June, which was the largest increase in more than a year, and considering that the minister has stated in the House that he can do nothing more either about interest rates in terms of holding them down or in terms of increasing the supply of housing, what is the minister specifically planning to do to ensure that the rent increases in limited dividend projects in Canada will actually reflect the real increases in cost, as is supposed to be the case under the legislation?

**Hon. Barney Danson (Minister of State for Urban Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, as a matter of fact I just met on Saturday with the limited dividend tenants association of Toronto. We are monitoring that situation rather closely. CMHC examines and audits all increases. We all want to be satisfied, including the tenants, that these increases do reflect increased costs. These tenants are prepared to pay these increased costs, but they do not want them inflated. We are trying to develop procedures to satisfy everyone that these only reflect increased costs.

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**Mr. Broadbent:** Mr. Speaker, the minister may not be surprised to know that I was aware of the meeting on Saturday and hence the question. At the meeting it was pointed out that the alleged cost increases which are passed on to the tenants, according to the people he met with, have not occurred but are simply claimed as increases in cost. I would ask the minister what inspection procedure the government has for ensuring that tenants in fact are not being gyped? What inspection procedures does the government have at the present time, and following his meeting on Saturday does he have any new procedures

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or any plans to implement to ensure that justice is done to these tenants?

**Mr. Danson:** Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that the leader of the NDP used the word "alleged" because these are allegations which we are trying to substantiate. I do not have any magic solution to instantly answer the problem, except to say that we are probably capable of handling it on this side of the House. We are entering into consultations with the tenants' groups and with CMHC to make certain we develop a monitoring procedure that does satisfy everyone involved that these prices are indeed justified. I am just as concerned as are the tenants and the leader of the NDP.

#### REJECTION OF QUINPOOL PROJECT IN HALIFAX— GOVERNMENT POSITION ON NON-PROFIT HOUSING

**Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby):** Mr. Speaker, I have a final supplementary in relation to low cost housing and I refer in this instance to a development in Halifax which was rejected within the past few days. I would ask the minister if the decision by the regional office of CMHC in Halifax to not approve the Quinpool project in that city, a project which was to provide for non-profit housing, indicates a new policy of CMHC in that region, vis-à-vis non-profit housing in favour of higher density and higher cost housing for upper income people? Does that particular decision reflect a general policy or does it relate only to the Quinpool project and, if it is the latter, will the minister intervene to turn that around?

**Hon. Barney Danson (Minister of State for Urban Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, the Quinpool project is a specific project and it was dealt with on its own merits. I happen to have had meetings with senior officials of CMHC this morning regarding housing in Halifax generally. There are priorities, and my priorities certainly are to help those in the lower income groups to the greatest extent possible. That is where the priority must be. The need is great everywhere but it is greater for those people, and that is where the priority will remain.

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### CRIMINAL CODE

#### ACTION AGAINST THOSE WHO ADVERTISE PROCUREMENT OF ABORTION

**Mr. René Matte (Champlain):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Acting Prime Minister.

Considering that newspapers which advertise abortion procurement directly contravene the provisions of section 159(2)(c), could the Acting Prime Minister advise the House whether the government will institute proceedings against these people who are breaking the law and undermining the morals of our country?

[English]

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, as the hon. gentleman knows, the administration of the criminal code is in the hands of the provinces,