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natives, such as the Micmac people and, of course, the other visible minorities who have immigrated to our country as well, by which these people may be assured that they have full entry into education and other opportunities in Canada. The poverty that marks many of the black communities in Canada and most of the indigenous peoples communities in Canada can and must be eliminated through fair and honest treatment of the natural resources in the areas they inhabit.

**Mrs. Browes:** Madam Speaker, I want to compliment the member on his comments and his commitment. I know of his work in the Toronto area for and on behalf of his party to eliminate discrimination in Canada. He has brought up a number of items concerning research.

Yesterday, the Secretary of State and the Minister of State for Multiculturalism and Citizenship tabled in the House of Commons the legislation for the establishment of a race relations foundation. I would like to ask the member if, with his commitment to the elimination of discrimination, we might be able to get the early commitment on behalf of his party to have the legislation to establish this foundation pass very quickly so we may get on with doing the work that he has suggested and the research that needs to be done.

**Mr. Heap:** Madam Speaker, I thank the hon. member for her question. Since I have not had opportunity yet to read the legislation, I cannot substantially comment on its value. I was disappointed in the bill establishing the multiculturalism department because it lacked teeth. It made almost no reference to racism as distinct from ethnic conflict. It did not define the duties of the department or the minister and therefore it did not give a citizen the proper means of claiming upon his or her rights under that legislation. The legislation left the scope of the department and the minister so vague that if he chose to do something, or the department chose to do something, that might be fine, but the person in a minority position was not able to point to a statutory right or a statutory obligation to serve that would be given in a person who had that kind of need as a minority.

I would be very interested to see the detail of the legislation that was tabled yesterday. I can see the hon. member wishes to say more on the subject and I will listen attentively.

**Mrs. Browes:** Madam Speaker, I would be very pleased to send the member a copy and an outline of the bill. Without going into detail on this legislation today because we are debating another motion, it is primarily to carry out research activities, to facilitate consultation, and to publish and disseminate relevant information concerning it. I think this is going to be a very good foundation that will be able to get information, feed in information, and then allow volunteer organizations, police commissions and such to get the kind of information that we need from an up to date national collection of data. It will be involved with the developing and training approaches in materials and effective policies and approaches for the elimination of racism and racial discrimination.

I will be very pleased to send this to the member and I look forward to discussing this with him in the House in the very near future.

**Mr. Heap:** Madam Speaker, I think research can be very useful. I would be interested to learn the details and scope of the plan. There has been research from time to time. For example, in our library there is a book in typescript called *\*IRacial Discrimination in Canada, The Black Experience* by James W. St. George Walker. I understand, and it is curious, that this book was never published in the usual sense. It exists in perhaps several hundred copies in typescript. It cannot be found in our public libraries and it has never been printed in the usual way in an ordinary print format. If it is limited to about 400 copies then it has not been much use to the black or white people of Canada.

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I hope that the institution the minister is proposing will be an open institution and that research done, and especially research that should be done by black people, by Canadian aboriginal people and by other visible minorities, will be identified, advertised and made readily available throughout public libraries and other systems of information rather than neglected as this rather good study found itself.

**Mr. Fisher:** Madam Speaker, I would like to commend the Hon. Member for Spadina for an excellent speech. He pointed out a lot of things that are good in our nation and some things which are certainly in need of improvement. I know that he has done a lot of work in the field of immigration and I think in the context of the motion