

any problem with regard to the switch from one management to the other. I will take note of the hon. member's representation and look into the matter immediately.

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COMMUNICATIONS

EXPECTED RECEIPT OF CLYNE COMMISSION REPORT

Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Communications. I wonder whether the minister has received a report from the Clyne commission, and when is it going to be tabled in the House?

Hon. Jeanne Sauvé (Minister of Communications): Mr. Speaker, I understand that the report will be delivered to me this week, and I will see that it is properly tabled.

Mr. Nowlan: Mr. Speaker, there has been a persistent rumour for the last year or so that there might be an election. In fact, one minister wondered about the necessity of questions. Many people are wondering if there is a necessity for this House to stay in operation.

I wonder if the minister would undertake, in the event this House somehow expires before next week, the minister has the report and it is translated, to make sure that during any period that this House is not sitting the public will at least have the benefit of that report so that the debate on telecommunications, which was the reason for the report, could be stimulated regardless of anything else that might happen.

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Mrs. Sauvé: Mr. Speaker, if this House expires, it will only be to be reconfirmed in a new mandate. So I am not worried about the kind of debate which will take place when I table this report.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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CONSUMER AFFAIRS

TESTS TO DETERMINE WHETHER ALUMINUM WIRING IS A HAZARDOUS PRODUCT

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. After extensive testing by the Safety Products Commission of the United States, the United States government has commenced court action to have aluminum wiring declared a hazardous product. Can the minister indicate if the federal government has ordered similar tests in Canada and if similar steps will be taken by the government?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): No, Mr. Speaker, because the whole question of wiring comes under the provincial governments of Canada. When this matter was first brought to our attention, we were

in touch with them. Different provinces are examining their building codes and other regulations respecting it, but I have no jurisdiction.

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HOUSING

STEPS TO ENSURE SAFE WIRING INSTALLED IN CANADIAN HOMES

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, my question was prompted to the minister by the jurisdiction he has under the Hazardous Products Act. Since this minister does not seem to be concerned about it, perhaps I could redirect my question to the minister responsible for the National Housing Act, the Minister of Public Works.

Has the minister taken any steps within his administration of the National Housing Act and Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation to conduct tests to determine whether aluminum wiring constitutes a fire hazard? If so, what steps does the minister propose to take to ensure that Canadians will have not only safe wiring in their homes but can, in fact, be reassured of that?

[Translation]

Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of Public Works and Minister of State for Urban Affairs): Mr. Speaker, that matter was looked into very closely by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation officials. The subject is not new. It has been considered for several years already. The Ontario government has just carried out an investigation on that matter and of course the recommendations made following that investigation were studied very closely by all those who are involved in residential construction in Canada.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

REQUEST GUARANTEED ANNUAL INCOME BE PAID IMMEDIATELY APPLICATION IS FILED

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa-Vanier): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Considering that, according to the media today, almost half of the pensioners who received the guaranteed income supplement did not complete and return the forms which make them eligible for the program, can the minister assure the House that it is not too late to file an application and confirm that her department can send their cheques in the course of the following month to those pensioners who hurry?

Hon. Monique Bégin (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I imagine the hon. member is referring to the old age security pension supplement. As economic circumstances of families can change, an application should be made on a special form at the beginning of each year. As a