

Oral Questions

[English]

YOUTH

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON GRANT DISTRIBUTION AMONG INCOME CLASSES—CONSULTATION ON WEEKLY PAY RATE WITH PROVINCES

Mr. Cyril Symes (Sault Ste. Marie): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Secretary of State. Will the minister make a statement on motions outlining what measures the government has taken to ensure a more equitable distribution of the benefits of opportunities for youth grants among the youth of various income classes? In particular, what criteria are employed to guarantee that an adequate allocation of funds goes to youths of low-income families?

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I am not sure I will do that by way of a statement on motions—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Faulkner: —but I would like to elaborate on this. The two points raised by the hon. member are important. It was one of the strengths of the opportunities for youth program in the past that it did get to low income and remote areas. I would like to find some method of providing some information to the House.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for York-Simcoe.

Mr. Symes: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps we might allow the hon. member for Sault Ste. Marie a supplementary. The Chair will then recognize the hon. member for York-Simcoe and then call orders of the day.

Mr. Symes: Will the Secretary of State inform the House whether he had any consultation with the provincial ministers responsible for post-secondary education about the financial requirements of students before he determined the weekly pay rate under the opportunities for youth program recently announced?

Mr. Faulkner: No, Mr. Speaker.

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AIRPORTS

PICKERING TOWNSHIP SITE—POSSIBILITY OF USE OF LAND TO BE EXPROPRIATED FOR LAND BANK RATHER THAN AIRPORT

Mr. Sinclair Stevens (York-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport or the Minister of State for Urban Affairs. In view of widespread interest in the proposed Pickering airport, will the Minister of Transport inform the House whether the government now intends to use the lands which are under notice of expropriation in the Pickering area for a land bank rather than for the proposed second Toronto airport?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I believe I mentioned in the House that we have received the report of the commission which conducted an inquiry on the expropriations. We are now studying it and the cabinet will be taking a decision by February 2 and at that time the hon. member will no doubt be exactly informed of the government's decision concerning the Pickering airport.

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Mr. Stevens: Mr. Speaker, I am not sure whether the minister understood my question. I am not speaking about the Swackhammer report. I am referring to the possible change of decision which I understand has been recommended or suggested to him. Has a decision been made to use the land for a land bank rather than for a second Toronto airport?

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): The answer is no, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. As this is the last day of the throne speech debate, possibly the government House leader might indicate the business for the rest of this week, next week and as far as he is able to look into the future.

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, tomorrow we propose to call the resolution establishing the joint committee on food prices. Following that I would like to call the unemployment insurance bills, particularly Bill No. 1. Depending on the progress we make on these measures, we will then consider the capital punishment bill.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, with regard to the order of business, I wonder if I may put a question to the government House leader. In view of the confusion that is developing between the automatic increase in pensions that will take place in April and the government's promise to make a substantial increase in the rate of pensions, will the government bring on that pension bill at an early date so that people will know as soon as possible—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Hees: You voted against that.

Mr. MacEachen: Yes, Mr. Speaker. "At an early date" may be variously interpreted, but will be as soon as possible. It will not be delayed.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Good.

[Translation]

Mr. La Salle: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege.