

*Oral Questions*

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of the Environment):** Mr. Speaker, the IJC has been contacted in this regard. I might also say that the engineering staff supplied to the IJC on the Canadian side is in fact staff from the water management service of the Department of the Environment. It is possible, within narrow limits, to regulate the water levels in Lake Ontario, and we are doing our best.

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## POST OFFICE

## REQUEST FOR COMMEMORATIVE STAMP TO HONOUR CENTENNIAL OF ONTARIO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

**Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Postmaster General. In view of the fact that the time honoured science of agriculture, in conjunction with the Ontario Agricultural College, will be celebrating their centennial next year, is it the intention of the Postmaster General to issue a commemorative stamp to honour this great science and this outstanding agricultural college?

[Translation]

**Hon. André Ouellet (Postmaster General):** Mr. Speaker, I shall be pleased to take the hon. member's suggestion into consideration.

[English]

## REQUEST FOR COMMEMORATIVE STAMP TO HONOUR INVENTION OF TELEPHONE

**Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the Postmaster General. In connection with the celebration of the invention of the telephone in the city of Brantford, Ontario, is the minister considering striking a special stamp in commemoration of that event?

[Translation]

**Hon. André Ouellet (Postmaster General):** Mr. Speaker, I shall before long announce next year's commemorative stamp program. Therefore, I would ask the hon. member to exercise a little patience.

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[English]

## FINANCE

## WINTER PROJECTS CAPITAL FUND—ALLEGED FAILURE OF ONTARIO TO PROVIDE APPLICATION FORMS TO MUNICIPALITIES

**Mr. Norman A. Cafik (Ontario):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Finance. In view of the fact the federal government announced the establishment of the \$350 million winter projects capital fund back on December 6 last and two and a half months have subsequently gone by and the province of Ontario has not made available even application forms to municipalities—

**Some hon. Members:** Shame!

**Mr. Cafik:** —to take advantage of this program to reduce unemployment in the province during the winter months, would the minister take some immediate action to encourage the province of Ontario to play its role in reducing winter unemployment?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, not only is that a very good suggestion but I would encourage the opposition in the House to pass the appropriation bill in order to make it all possible.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. We have really gone beyond the end of the question period, but perhaps the Chair might be allowed to call two other hon. members, without supplementaries, first the hon. member for Halton, then the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway, and then call orders of the day.

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## AIR TRANSPORT

## RECIPROCAL LANDING RIGHTS WITH ALITALIA IN MILAN TO CANADIAN CARRIER

**Mr. Terry O'Connor (Halton):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport. With respect to the anticipated awarding of reciprocal landing rights with Alitalia in Milan to a Canadian air carrier, is the minister yet in a position to advise the House when this award will be made and to whom it will be granted?

• (1530)

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport):** Excuse me, Mr. Speaker, but I did not hear the first part of the question. Would the hon. member mind repeating it?

**Mr. O'Connor:** I am sorry, Mr. Speaker. With respect to the anticipated awarding of reciprocal landing rights with Alitalia in Milan to a Canadian air carrier, is the minister yet in a position to advise when this award will be made and to whom it will be granted?

**Mr. Marchand (Langelier):** Mr. Speaker, as far as Alitalia is concerned the decision has been made. Alitalia can land in Montreal and Toronto. As far as Milan is concerned, this has not been attributed yet to a Canadian carrier but it will be eventually.

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## COMBINES

## ALLEGED COLLUSION AMONG OIL COMPANIES—REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION

**Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway):** Mr. Speaker, if this question is a little longer than usual it is because I cannot have a supplementary. The question is directed to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. In view of a formal complaint made yesterday by the Consumers Association of Canada alleging collusion among the various oil companies in the recent price increases in gasoline and fuel oil and requesting an inquiry under the Combines Investigation Act, can the minister