

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

been made in this regard so that smaller municipalities may participate in the program?

**Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, I took the matter up with the department, and I think the question was raised subsequently in the House. The minister pointed out that the department was quite responsive to the concept of pooling small projects for smaller municipalities. There seems to have been some objection from certain municipalities to the basic formula, however. After the review of the 30-man day concept in the next few weeks, possibly the minister would be able to make a statement on whether it is necessary to vary this particular format.

**Mr. Korchinski:** May I ask, after the government has made a decision in this regard whether they will be meeting with some of these municipalities to discuss some sort of formula that could be implemented immediately so that there would be no further delay in this matter?

**Mr. Mackasey:** Mr. Speaker, the present scheme allows for a 30-man day formula. The difficulty with this formula is that some of the smaller municipalities and some of the smaller projects are unable to meet this standard. The minister has suggested, with some effectiveness, that certain projects be pooled in order to meet the 30-man day formula, which means hiring only six people over five months. If this proves to be ineffective as well, then I presume the minister would want to consider further modifications.

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**STATUS OF WOMEN****INQUIRY AS TO REPORT OF TASK FORCE STUDYING  
RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMISSION**

**Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway):** In the absence of the Prime Minister, I should like to ask the Minister of Labour a question arising out of the statement the Prime Minister made today that the task force considering the Status of Women report has finished its work. Could the minister, who has now taken upon himself the heavy responsibility of dealing with women's rights, give some idea when this task force report will be tabled in the House?

**Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, I am at a disadvantage, not having been here when the Prime Minister made the announcement. If I recall the report, it was sent to the appropriate interdepartmental committee. That committee has finalized its report, and is in the process of reporting back to me. I would imagine it would be at least two months before the report of the interdepartmental committee is on my desk for appropriate action.

**RIGHTS OF INDIAN WOMEN WHO MARRY NON-INDIANS—  
REQUEST THAT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT UPHOLD  
DECISION OF COURT**

**Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North):** A supplementary question for the minister of Justice. In light of the

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last question, and in light of the fact that the appeal court has ruled there should be equity as between women, will he now instruct the counsel whom he will pay to represent the Attorney General of Canada to take the position that the law as set down in the appeal case should be upheld by the Supreme Court of Canada?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice):** I made my statement earlier today, Mr. Speaker.

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**LABOUR CONDITIONS****REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO  
ENSURE EQUALITY BETWEEN SEXES**

**Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West):** I have a question for the Minister of Labour supplementary to that posed by the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway. Unlike the Minister of Justice, who does not believe in the equity of the sexes,—

**An hon. Member:** Wait till he goes home.

**Mr. Alexander:** —I was wondering whether the Minister of Labour was now in a position to advise us if he is now reviewing the Fair Employment Practices Act and other labour legislation in order that we can have some consistency with regard to equality of the sexes? Has he any report in this area?

**Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, the legislation which has been brought forward so far this session reflects this positive approach. I am hopeful that in the next session of Parliament, when the Fair Employment Practices Act is revised, it will further reflect the principle that all of us in this House support, that of equality between the sexes.

**An hon. Member:** Would that be for Indians, too?

**Mr. Alexander:** A supplementary question to the Minister of Labour. At the time he brings in this legislation, I wonder if he would take the matter up specifically and primarily first with the Minister of Justice.

**Mr. Mackasey:** Mr. Speaker, I have always found the Minister of Justice to be a very strong advocate in this particular field.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**An hon. Member:** He is one of your boys.

**Mr. Nowlan:** One Irishman to another.

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**CANADIAN NATIONAL****CLOSING OF STATIONS IN BELLECHASSE—REQUEST  
THAT CTC HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport.