

Minister. Does the government agree with the projection made by the chairman of the Economic Council of Canada that it will take three years for this country to reach full employment calculated on the basis of 4 per cent unemployment?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau:** I apologize, Mr. Speaker, I did not understand the question.

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#### NATIONAL SECURITY

##### GOVERNMENT INTENTION REGARDING PUBLIC ORDER (TEMPORARY MEASURES) ACT

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the right hon. Prime Minister. In view of his commitment to the House that the government's intention in respect of the Public Order (Temporary Measures) Act would be made known prior to its expiry on April 30, does the government intend to let the act expire on Friday next? Will he give us that assurance?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, my promise to the House was that an announcement would be made before the end of the month, and that commitment still stands.

**Mr. Douglas:** At the same time, and prior to the end of the month, will the Prime Minister tell the House whether it is his intention to accede to the request of the premier of Quebec for permanent legislation, or can he assure the House now that the government is not going to proceed with permanent legislation and that present legislation on the statute books is adequate to deal with any situation which may arise?

**Mr. Trudeau:** That is not my understanding of what the premier of Quebec is requesting. Therefore I cannot answer the hypothetical question.

**Mr. Baldwin:** Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact the Prime Minister said on March 12, in response to a question, that before the end of April the Parliament of Canada would be seized with this particular matter, is it his intention to limit government action in this matter to a statement only and, if so, will there be two statements, one by the Prime Minister and one by a spokesman for the rest of the cabinet?

**Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North):** Mr. Speaker, my question is supplementary and arises out of what the Prime Minister said. Has the premier of the province of Quebec asked for an extension of this act or for permanent legislation? If so, what has been the answer of the Prime Minister and the government to the premier who seems to be waiting for a reply to his letter?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, the premier is not really as worried as the hon. member. He wrote me several days ago asking what we were going to do. I have had some telephone conversations with him and my understanding of his position now is that he is not necessarily asking for the immediate enactment of further legislation.

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**Mr. Woolliams:** Arising from that answer, as the premier is not asking for permanent legislation has he asked for an extension of the present act?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding he is not asking this but his statements have been made publicly and he has said nothing different publicly from what he has been telling me privately, and that is that he is not now asking for an extension of the present act.

**Mr. Woolliams:** Or any other act.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Chair will recognize the hon. member for Joliette on a supplementary. However, I bring to the attention of hon. members that we are running out of time and a number of members are anxious to ask questions. I would seek the co-operation of the House in relation to supplementaries.

[Translation]

**Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette):** Mr. Speaker, I would ask the right hon. Prime Minister whether he is prepared to accede to the Quebec government's request concerning this legislation and whether his government is in favour of extending the present legislation.

**Mr. Trudeau:** As for my government's position, Mr. Speaker, I have already said a statement will be made in the House before the end of the month. However, it is rather strange that opposition parties, primarily the Progressive Conservative party, have expressed no opinion in this regard. We should be very pleased to know their views, if they have any.

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#### FAMILY ALLOWANCES

##### TIME OF INTRODUCTION OF AMENDING LEGISLATION

**Hon. J. W. Monteith (Perth-Wilmot):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Is the federal government yet prepared to introduce legislation to reform the family allowance system? If so, can the minister assure the House that the legislation will be introduced in time to be enacted by September of this year?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, I believe I indicated to the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre that we are welcoming proposals now. We indicated in the white paper that we hoped to have legislation before the House by April, I believe. I do not believe that is possible now, but it is our hope, as expressed, that we will have legislation as soon as possible and as soon as we have had ample opportunity to consider all views.

**Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. With the co-operation of the hon. member, perhaps the hon. member for Perth-Wilmot might be allowed a supplementary.