Inquiries of the Ministry

Prime Minister whether this means that the government has now forsaken any idea of extending the hospital insurance plan into a federal-provincial, comprehensive health insurance plan that will cover all health services.

Hon. Paul Martin (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I am sure my hon. friend would agree that as the conference is now dealing with matters having to do with health and welfare, it would be desirable to await the return of the Prime Minister, which I anticipate will be some time tomorrow afternoon.

## BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

INQUIRY AS TO APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, inasmuch as this is the 32nd day of this session I wonder whether I could ask the Minister of Justice, in his capacity as house leader and chairman of the striking committee for the standing committees of the house, when he might be in a position to announce the membership of those standing committees.

Hon. Guy Favreau (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, we will convene the committee at the first opportune moment and appoint the committee membership.

REQUEST FOR ANSWER TO QUESTION ON ORDER PAPER

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. C. Cadieu (Meadow Lake): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Associate Minister of National Defence. Your Honour requested me to put an urgent question on the order paper, which I did on February 27, and I have not as yet received a reply.

Hon. Lucien Cardin (Associate Minister of National Defence): I will look into the matter, Mr. Speaker.

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

SUGGESTED "HANSARD" CORRECTION BY MEMBER FOR WINNIPEG NORTH CENTRE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I make two short corrections in *Hansard*? I do so only because confusion might be created. In *Hansard* of Monday, March 30, on page 1574, column 1, in line 4 of the middle paragraph, "we" should be "he".

Then on page 1576, the same date, column 2, the middle of the column, the phrase "One man against the truth" should be "Just standing for the truth".

[Later:]

Hon. Gordon Churchill (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order in connection with the correction to Hansard offered by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre, which he did with rapid-fire speed, perhaps in the hope that nobody would notice it. But I turned up the the page, and as reported in the second column of page 1576 the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre said:

One man against the truth.

I saw that remark in the blue sheets which were handed to me along with material of my own which I had to read. Now the hon. member is attempting to correct this for some reason known only to himself. I heard the statement as Hansard recorded it, and as I heard it, it was directed against me. But in Hansard it reads as though directed against the hon. member himself. Now he wants to change it. I suggest that Hansard stands as it is now, "One man against the truth", and with the name of the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre in front of it.

Mr. Knowles: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of privilege. The hon, member for Winnipeg South Centre, in opening his remarks just now, accused me of making this correction in a rapid-fire manner so that no one would notice it. If I wished to make a correction without anybody noticing it all I would need do is to go to the Hansard office or to send back my proof sheets so corrected. It was precisely because I realized that this was a correction to which the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre might take objection that I made the correction publicly in this house. It is my recollection that what I now say I said is what I did say the other night; but if the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre wants to make an issue out of it and wants to have a vote of the house on it, I do not mind. Perhaps the best thing to do is to let the whole exchange between us appear in Hansard as a question of privilege and let the readers sort it out for themselves.

Mr. Speaker: I think the exchange speaks for itself.

## NATIONAL DEFENCE

METHOD OF PAYMENT OF TROOPS IN CYPRUS

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. L. J. Pigeon (Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Associate Minister of National Defence?