

*Inquiries of the Ministry***OLD AGE SECURITY****ALLEGED APPLICATION BY PROVINCES OF SEVERE MEANS TEST**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Is the minister aware that as a result of his direction severe needs tests or means tests are being conducted by the provinces, and many individuals are now destitute before any financial assistance can be granted—

Mr. Speaker: It seems to me that this question is of a very general nature and is not the type of question which should be asked at this time.

[*Later:*]

Mr. Korchinski: I do not see the Minister of National Health and Welfare in his place. Perhaps he is not able to survive the means test. In any event, I should like to know whether the minister has been made aware of the fact that the provinces are making their tests so severe many people are driven to perpetual destitution before any assistance can be granted. I should like to know whether the minister has been made aware of this fact?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member has made a representation, and I assume the minister will take note of it.

FINANCE**REQUEST FOR MORE EQUITABLE ESTATE TAX ON FARM LAND**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. E. Pascoe (Moose Jaw-Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Revenue. Following representations to his department, will the minister not agree that the high valuation now being imposed on farm land, compared to farm prices a few years ago, for estate tax purposes is a disguised form of a capital gains tax?

Mr. Speaker: I suggest to the hon. member that the question is argumentative and should not be asked in this form.

Mr. Pascoe: Mr. Speaker, may I ask whether the minister is aware that the Saskatchewan provincial Liberal association recently passed a motion calling for more satisfactory and equitable estate tax settlements?

[*Mr. Benson.*]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I do not think the second question is any more in order than the first one.

Mr. Pascoe: I will raise the matter at ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

EFFECT OF U.S. TAX ON INVENTORIES OF CANADIAN PRODUCTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a question of the Minister of Finance. May I preface my question by saying I am not an expert on taxation. Has the minister been informed of a decision by the United States Supreme Court upholding the right of the city of Los Angeles to impose taxes on the value of inventories of imported raw materials, and that the right to impose these taxes by local United States authorities could affect commodities such as Canadian nickel, lead, zinc, lumber or any other raw material? Could the minister inform the house what action he proposes to take in order to deal with this unprecedented situation?

Mr. Speaker: I believe this question should be placed on the order paper.

SPORTS**REQUEST FOR REPORT ON FITNESS AND AMATEUR SPORT**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. L. M. Brand (Saskatoon): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of National Health and Welfare whether he is now in a position to table the annual report of the advisory Council on Fitness and Amateur Sport for the fiscal year 1965-66?

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): No, Mr. Speaker. The annual report will be available as soon as the translation is completed.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**GRANTING OF AMNESTY ON CENTENNIAL VISIT OF HER MAJESTY**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister. I ask the question at this time because of the necessity of making whatever arrangements may be necessary in the event that I receive an affirmative answer. In view of the intended visit of Her Majesty and