

for reasons which I respect he preferred not to read it. However, I think this is as far as we can go in communicating the original version. As the Solicitor General pointed out to the House, a slightly abridged version was approved by the commissioners as containing all the essence of the main report.

**Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):** Since much of the work of the Royal Commission on Security was done prior to the time the hon. member for Trinity suggested some of these actions may have taken place, and in view of the public concern and the importance of having any difficult situation like this clarified, will the Prime Minister give consideration to a meeting of Privy Councillors who are members of the House in order to clear the air once and for all on all these matters?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, it seems to me that I answered this question the two previous times it was asked by the hon. member today. He might want to consider getting together a group of Members of Parliament from the broadcasting committee, who studied one of the matters discussed by the hon. member for Trinity. I believe the hon. member for Trinity suggests that this committee whitewashed the whole proceedings. Perhaps the hon. member opposite might want to look into this matter. He is a Member of Parliament.

**Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):** A further supplementary—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member has asked three questions. He will be recognized for one further supplementary. The Chair is still waiting for an opportunity to recognize a member from the group to my extreme left. They have not yet had a chance to ask a question.

**Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):** Mr. Speaker, I apologize to the Chair and the House for raising these supplementaries. I do so simply for clarification. I wonder whether the Prime Minister does not see a difference between those who have taken the Privy Council oath of office and those who sit as Members of Parliament in the House?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. That is not a supplementary question. That is debate.

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#### MANPOWER

##### LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM—SUGGESTED EXTENSION OF DEADLINE TO ENABLE COMPLETION OF CERTAIN PROJECTS

**Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration.

Since tomorrow is the deadline for local initiative projects which were denied any extension, may I ask the minister if to date a decision has yet to be taken about local initiative projects which could be granted an extension?

#### Inquiries of the Ministry

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**Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I have already announced that projects that are municipally sponsored can be extended beyond tomorrow's date under the local initiatives program because of the fact that in some instances climatic conditions played a part in delaying the beginning of projects. We have had little or no demand for extension of privately sponsored projects. We have placed at the disposal of some of the projects that are in existence some \$30 million more so that approximately 1,200 local initiative projects will be continued beyond tomorrow's date until September.

##### LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM—INCLUSION OF INDIAN BAND PROJECTS IN EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the minister a supplementary question. Does he include within the designation of municipally sponsored projects those that are sponsored by Indian band groups as well, and will they have the benefit of the extension?

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**Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** I cannot say categorically, but I would hope so because I believe these local programs sponsored by Indian bands have been a very welcome initiative this winter. If a firm decision has not been reached on this issue, I would personally be inclined to consider them as municipally sponsored.

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#### FINANCE

##### EXTENSION OF FORGIVENESS PERIOD UNDER FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL EMPLOYMENT LOAN PROGRAM

**Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Fundy-Royal):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance in connection with a related program. Is consideration being given to an extension of the federal-provincial loan forgiveness program for the same reasons inasmuch as many such requests have been made?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, the government will ask Parliament for the authority to extend to June 30 the period during which it contributes 75 per cent of the wage and salary costs of projects financed under the federal-provincial employment loans program. Bad weather, labour disputes and other unavoidable factors have made it difficult for provinces and municipalities to complete projects in time to qualify for the full \$35 million of loan forgiveness allocated under the \$160 million dollar loan program announced last October.