

*Oral Questions*

committee in terms of its being a worth-while instrument to achieve this objective.

## SELF-DETERMINATION FOR INDIAN PEOPLE

**Hon. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce):** Madam Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Would the minister not agree that little meaningful progress will be made on these terrible problems until the Indian people are allowed to control and run their own lives, rather than having solutions handed down to them from government officials?

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Allmand:** In this respect, would the minister take out many of the reports which have been prepared by the National Indian Brotherhood and some of the provincial federations and consult those reports, which propose solutions, and not just look at the reports prepared by his own department?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Madam Speaker, that is exactly what I have been doing for several months, looking at the reports which have come in from the National Indian Brotherhood and other provincial associations and Indian bands. That is why I have been going across the country talking to the Indian leadership and bands with respect to the government's priority for Indian self-government, with the hope that we could bring in legislation as early as possible identifying this very area, Indian self-government, to rebut once and for all the paternalism which has been such a degrading influence on the Indian people.

Such a new bill would establish Indian self-government at the option of the Indian people themselves. I am hoping I can get the co-operation not only of the hon. member—I am sure I will—but also that of all the opposition parties in achieving this objective.

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## HOUSE OF COMMONS

## PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF SPEAKER AND DELEGATION FROM SWEDEN

**Madam Speaker:** Order, please. I would like to draw the attention of the House to the presence in our gallery of the distinguished Speaker of the Parliament of Sweden, Mr. Ingemund Bengtsson, who is accompanied by parliamentarians from that country.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

## THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

## VENICE SUMMIT—MEASURES TO BREAK INFLATIONARY EXPECTATIONS

**Hon. John C. Crosbie (St. John's West):** Madam Speaker, my question is for the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, whom I welcome back from being at sea in the lagoons of Venice.

At the economic summit in Venice it was agreed, and I quote, "that inflation should be given immediate top priority". The seven leaders agreed, and I quote, "that determined fiscal and monetary restraint is required to break inflationary expectations".

Could the Deputy Prime Minister tell us what measures are going to be taken by his government to carry out determined fiscal and monetary restraint to break inflationary expectations? Are there measures other than those now in effect? If so, what are they?

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance):** Madam Speaker, the hon. member is quite right that this was underlined as the top priority for all the industrialized countries.

Before replying directly to his question, I might say that I did hear a number of favourable comments on the performance of the hon. member's leader at the last summit at Tokyo, and I pass them along with sincerity. The compliments did not include the hon. member for St. John's West.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. MacEachen:** We are, in a sense, anticipating the debate this afternoon in this question and answer, but I tell the hon. member that there are no new measures contemplated at the present time beyond the fiscal and monetary restraint which is in effect.

We have already indicated our intention to restrain government expenditures and certainly not to add to the deficit, and until the budget comes down it is not my intention to indicate any additional measures. I believe that maybe the principal job will be to resist the demands which undoubtedly will be made to increase spending and to relax monetary restraint in the face of the onset of the recession.

**Mr. Crosbie:** Madam Speaker, I am glad there was a frank expression of views and that the minister was informed that the quality of this year's delegation was not up to last year's.

The communiqué could have been written by governor Bouey of the Bank of Canada, who said on May 29 that we have to stick with the monetary and fiscal policy approach and limit aggregate demand.

In view of the fact that the minister and the government have now agreed at the Summit with the approach suggested by governor Bouey and that they should limit aggregate demand, that the minister said in this House that his policy and governor Bouey's are similar and that they are heart to heart and toe to toe, would the minister tell us how he intends