

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

Perhaps I should tell the house that we are meeting again with representatives of the Public Service Alliance of Canada this afternoon with a view to resolving our differences in respect of the two groups to which the president of the P.S.A.C. made reference, namely the administrative and foreign service category and the administrative support category. I understand that it is planned to have a meeting with representatives of the P.S.A.C. on Friday in a different kind of setting in order to sign an agreement covering a group for which the P.S.A.C. is the bargaining agent.

**Mr. Stanfield:** I have a supplementary question which I hope will not provoke another lecture on bargaining. Will the minister say whether in these negotiations the government is seeking complete freedom to require employees to work scheduled hours of shift work, as is charged, and is also seeking freedom to make changes unilaterally in working conditions, as is also charged?

**Mr. Drury:** The matter of the scheduling of work hours is under discussion and endeavors are being made to reach agreed schedules. In so far as rescheduling is concerned, this also is under negotiation.

[Translation]

**Mr. Georges Valade (Sainte-Marie):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the minister. Can he tell us whether the class of civil servants working in the old age security pension and family allowances services has received particular attention during the present negotiations or whether it will be studied later?

**Mr. Drury:** Mr. Speaker, I do not believe that old age security pensions are my department's responsibility.

[English]

**Mr. Valade:** Then I will direct my question to the minister responsible or, in his absence, to the house leader. Will he inform the house tomorrow whether employees whose old age pension or family allowances are affected will receive an adjustment in pay in the early future?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member is asking a question of a very general nature.

[Translation]

This question should normally be answered by a statement on motions.

[Mr. Drury.]

[English]

**NATIONAL ANTHEM****INQUIRY AS TO USE OF "O CANADA"**

**Mr. P. V. Noble (Grey-Simcoe):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct this question to the Acting Prime Minister. In view of the fact that many people across the nation are concerned about what is our national anthem and that "O Canada", an anthem that has never received royal assent, is being used almost exclusively, does the Acting Prime Minister consider "God Save the Queen" to be our official national anthem?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I suggest to the hon. member that the question is not in order. He is asking for an expression of opinion on the part of the minister, so this question is not acceptable.

**Mr. Noble:** Mr. Speaker, may I say with all deference that I think people across the nation would like to have an answer to this question.

**Mr. Speaker:** I doubt that a reply at this time to the hon. member's question would resolve the situation.

[Later:]

**REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION**

**Mr. Mac T. McCutcheon (Lambton-Kent):** My question is directed to the leader of the house, Mr. Speaker. Does the government plan to bring in legislation regarding our national anthem, as recommended by the committee which made a unanimous report on this subject and, if so, when?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, it is hoped we shall be able to bring in a proposed resolution on this subject later this session. The remaining question to be determined concerns the copyright, and as soon as this has been cleared up we shall feel free to put forward a resolution for consideration by the house to place both the national anthem and the royal anthem, in both languages, on an official basis.

**INDIAN AFFAIRS****REQUEST FOR SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS**

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the hon. member for Port Arthur in his capacity as Acting Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. In the light of the long delay in the introduction of the Indian claims commission legislation, in view of the refusal