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explained thoroughly in the House how this law has, in fact, been interpreted and applied for some time past. If the Leader of the Opposition is suggesting that through some kind of unanimous agreement of all members of the House we could change the law very quickly in some manner that he would suggest, I am sure the House, even our side, would consider it.

Mr. Stanfield: Mr. Speaker, I think that is something which the Prime Minister might have explored instead of the farcical procedure which he has followed.

An hon. Member: Not a break in the cloud.

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister. In view of the statement made by the President of the Association of Police Chiefs and the comment by an unnamed Supreme Court judge in at least one Toronto newspaper indicating a good deal of hostility to the recommendations of the LeDain Commission, would the government make clear to Crown prosecutors who are implementing government policy what the government's desires are with reference to people who will be arrested and prosecuted in the future?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of that statement, so I do not know if it refers to all the drugs considered by the LeDain Commission. If the statement relates to marijuana, I repeat that the Minister of Justice outlined in the House on Friday the way in which the law was interpreted by the courts, and in fact it appears that it has been interpreted by the courts in the way that the LeDain Commission says it should.

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY**PROPOSED SIX PER CENT WAGE GUIDELINE—
ALLEGED REFUSAL OF ONTARIO TO APPLY
TO PROVINCIAL CIVIL SERVANTS**

Mr. David Lewis (York South): I have a question for the right hon. the Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker. In view of the report of a telegram sent by the Provincial Treasurer of Ontario to the Civil Service Association of that province that the government of Ontario does not intend to apply the 6 per cent guideline to negotiations with provincial civil servants, I should like to ask the Prime Minister if it is still the government's intention to insist on such guidelines for the federal public service?

[Mr. Trudeau.]

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of that report. I will discuss it with the Minister of Finance. I understand that when the Minister of Finance met with the provincial treasurers and ministers of finance in Winnipeg some weeks ago, the provinces did agree to abide by the guidelines. If there is a contradiction here I will try to see which of the provincial ministers is stating government policy.

**INFLATION—SUGGESTED MEETING OF PRIME
MINISTER AND HEADS OF BANKS AND
OTHER CORPORATIONS**

Mr. David Lewis (York South): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Pursuing that for a moment, I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether he can inform the House if it is his intention to meet publicly with the heads of banks and of other corporations to urge them to reduce their charges and prices because, in the language he used to auto-workers in Talbotville, their high charges and prices have screwed certain sections of the Canadian people.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for—

Mr. Lewis: A point of order, Mr. Speaker. I suggest to the House and to you, sir, that the question is important and that the Prime Minister's behaviour is important. When a millionaire aristocrat goes to speak to auto-workers and talks down to them—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This is hardly a point of order. The hon. member has asked his question. Certainly, it is not a point of order.

Mr. Lewis: A further point of order, Mr. Speaker. No one respects your position, Mr. Speaker, more than I, but I suggest to you that as a member I have a right to insist that I complete my point of order before you set me down. I want to say, Mr. Speaker, that if the language the Prime Minister used in speaking to workers in a plant is good enough for them it is good enough, to be used in a question asked of the Prime Minister in this House.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member has added three or four words, but they do not add anything procedurally to what he started to say. It is clearly not a point of order, and I have to rule along those lines.