

DRUGS**NON-MEDICAL USE—POLICY STATEMENT—APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL CODE**

Mr. Louis-Roland Comeau (South Western Nova): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Justice. In view of the latest report put out this week by the Department of National Health and Welfare on transient youth and the very wide disparity between the law and the official and unofficial policies of the government regarding drugs—and I am not being critical—may I ask when we can expect a policy statement by the Minister of Justice on this issue?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, the government is reviewing the entire question of the non-medical use of soft drugs and is of course awaiting the final report of the Le Dain Commission.

Mr. Comeau: Mr. Speaker, has the minister consulted with provincial and municipal authorities, especially with the provincial Attorneys General, to discuss how they are to apply the drug sections of the Criminal Code, particularly in view of the latest report published by the Department of National Health and Welfare?

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, that question was brought to my attention by the hon. member for Simcoe East yesterday, and I am looking at it.

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HOUSING**SUGGESTED TREATMENT AS SOCIAL PROBLEM—GOVERNMENT ACTION**

Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the hardworking minister in charge of housing. In view of the report yesterday from the Canadian Council on Social Development which indicates that housing ought to be considered as a social problem rather than as a business or an industry, and that the government should accept an over-all responsibility for both the production and distribution of housing throughout Canada, will the government accept this philosophy and its responsibility with regard to the production and distribution of homes throughout the country?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio): Mr. Speaker, as always, I am very much in favour of motherhood too.

Mr. Gilbert: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the minister is also in favour of housing.

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AIR TRANSPORT**PROPOSED FARE INCREASES BY AIR CANADA AND CANADIAN PACIFIC AIRLINES**

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport.

Inquiries of the Ministry

With regard to the proposed fare increase by Air Canada and Canadian Pacific Airlines on March 6, will the government ask the Canadian Transport Commission to intervene directly and immediately in this proposed fare increase?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I do not believe it is necessary for the government to direct the Canadian Transport Commission. The arrangement is that such tariffs are filed with the CTC. There is then provision for anyone who objects to file such objection. I think the procedure is well established.

Mr. Bell: Since, according to today's paper, there is some indefiniteness about whether they will intervene and since they have never intervened on previous increases, would the minister or any member of the government who may run into Mr. Pickersgill at the Rideau Club over the weekend ask him to get going on this matter?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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POWER**PROPOSED FLOODING OF SKAGIT RIVER VALLEY—APPROVAL BY INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION OF AGREEMENT FOR COMPENSATION OF CANADIAN INTERESTS**

Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West): In the absence of the Secretary of State for External Affairs, I will direct my question with regard to the Skagit valley flooding to either the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry or the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. It is alleged at the present time that the applicant, Seattle Power and Light, does not have any right on Canadian soil because no agreement for compensation of Canadian interests has been approved by the International Joint Commission. Can the minister advise whether there has been IJC approval? If he cannot, will he investigate this matter and reply later?

Mr. Speaker: While the matter is being considered by the ministers, the hon. member for Hillsborough might ask his question.

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Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): With respect to the question of the hon. member for Fraser Valley West, I will take it as notice and make inquiries of the International Joint Commission to see if there is any answer.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**NATIONALIZATION OF ALCAN PLANT BY GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA**

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Com-