

period to refer to what I understand are the many applications under this program which have been rejected, but this one may be a special case and the Prime Minister may wish to reply to the hon. member's question.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the Secretary of State has told the House that there were something like 15,000 or 16,000 requests rejected. I cannot possibly have the answer to all of them in my head, but the Secretary of State has stated previously that anyone who wanted to know why his particular application was rejected would receive an answer in writing if he requested one.

• (1130)

Mr. Ryan: Will the Prime Minister check into this matter in view of its urgency, particularly because similar projects in British Columbia and Manitoba were accepted for funding under the Opportunities for Youth program while at the same time several projects in Ontario were completely rejected? I think it is very important to check into it forthwith.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Yorkton-Melville.

PROGRAMS TO ASSIST NON-STUDENTS—INQUIRY AS TO ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, my supplementary is for the Prime Minister. A couple of weeks ago the Secretary of State indicated he might be announcing some new programs for non-student young people. I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether these programs are ready for announcement and, if so, when the announcement will be made?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I will take notice of the question on behalf of the minister.

SUGGESTED ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES TO REVIEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH AND LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAMS

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary arising from a resolution of the youth and community assembly convened by the Manitoba Committee of the Canadian Council on Children and Youth recently in the city of Brandon. Would the Prime Minister consider the implementation of the resolution of that assembly requesting that regional advisory committees be set up to review the ad hoc programs of the government such as OFY and LIP with a view to gearing them more closely to community needs?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, if the prologue to the question was addressed to me I am afraid I missed it, but I will take notice of the question and see whether an answer can be provided.

Inquiries of the Ministry

NATIONAL DEFENCE

REQUEST THAT MILITIA RECRUITS' PAY BE RAISED TO MINIMUM WAGE LEVEL

Mr. Kenneth Robinson (Toronto-Lakeshore): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Defence. In view of the fact that militia recruits are paid about \$1.03 per hour for the time expended by them with the Canadian forces, will the minister consider raising the rates at least to the level of the established federal minimum wage?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, the matter is presently under review and I will report to my friend when the review is completed.

Mr. Robinson: Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that the Department of National Defence is carrying out a study of the pay structure for the militia, will the minister advise when the results will be forthcoming, and will the minister recommend that incentives be provided for re-enlistment and long service?

Mr. Benson: Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to consider my hon. friend's representations.

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TRADE

SUPPORT FOR INDUSTRIES IN MAKING REPRESENTATIONS TO UNITED STATES AGAINST IMPOSITION OF COUNTERVAILING DUTIES OR ANTI-DUMPING ACTION

Mr. Max Saltsman (Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and is supplementary to earlier questions. It deals with the countervailing duties which were under discussion. In a case where duties are levied or anti-dumping action is taken against a Canadian industry as a result of the government's policy of incentive grants, is it the intention of the minister to give support to those industries when they make their representations against these charges?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, the question would have to be qualified. What kind of support? Does the hon. member mean financial support or support in presenting their case to United States authorities? If it is the second, indeed we are supporting them.

Mr. Saltsman: Mr. Speaker, to clarify the matter, I was thinking of support going beyond merely the provision of information and whether in fact the department will also provide counsel to those industries and financial support in making their cases?

Mr. Pepin: Mr. Speaker, let us say that for the time being that matter is hypothetical and we will do as best we can to help if the proposed countervailing really ends up in countervailing duties having to be paid.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair will now recognize the hon. member for Joliette and possibly return to the hon. member for a supplementary.