

CONFLICT OF INTEREST—REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
ON LAND HOLDINGS IN PICKERING AIRPORT AREA

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In view of the imminence of the expropriation of land in the Pickering airport area, would the Prime Minister undertake to make known to the House, and therefore to the public, the names of all of his ministers or senior civil servants who may presently have land holdings in the area?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, in the case of ministers I believe I could give the answer right now if the House so desires. In the case of senior civil servants it would probably take longer to canvass them all, but I will undertake to attempt that. The answer to the first part of the question is that there is one minister, the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, who has property in the area to be expropriated. He has had it for many years, indeed, before he became a minister and before expropriation was ever thought of or contemplated.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Skeena.

Mr. Trudeau: On a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker, I am told that it is not even in the area to be expropriated. I believe it is in the noise zone, or something like that.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

SUGGESTION THAT CABINET MEMBER MEET WITH
REPRESENTATIVES OF NISHGA NATION CONCERNING
LAND CLAIM

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Obviously, Mr. Speaker, the noise must be very close to this chamber. I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister arising out of the decision yesterday of the Supreme Court with respect to the Nishga nation land claim. Without getting into whether it was a 4-3 or 3-3-1 decision or whatever it was, would the Prime Minister be prepared to meet or to have someone in his cabinet meet with representatives of the Nishga nation or the Nishga tribal council to see whether or not the government of Canada can co-operate with that nation of people to the end that their claim is recognized and dealt with?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I will take the suggestion under consideration.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

FAMILY ALLOWANCES—PRIORITY IN DISCUSSIONS

Mr. Henry Latulippe (Compton): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare.

Among the numerous measures that the minister is suggesting, and in view of the seriousness of unemployment and the great number of families at the poverty

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level, would the minister tell us whether family allowances will have priority over other projects submitted for consideration?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I have already answered this question in the speech I made in this House last January 11.

[Later:]

Mr. Latulippe: Mr. Speaker, could the minister tell us whether the provinces have stressed the importance of a family policy, in order to develop as soon as possible a scheme of increased family allowances.

Mr. Lalonde: Mr. Speaker, this is not only the provincial point of view, but the federal government has clearly stated the importance it attaches to the improvement of a family allowance system.

FAMILY INCOME SECURITY PLAN—INTRODUCTION OF
NEW LEGISLATION

Mr. René Matte (Champlain): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a supplementary question.

Could the minister tell us whether the bill which has been introduced during the last session of the 28th Parliament will be reintroduced during this session?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I have already indicated to the House that the legislation concerning the family income, introduced last year in this House, is being reviewed and that we would introduce a new bill to the House during this session.

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TRADE

REPRESENTATIONS TO UNITED STATES CONCERNING
BURKE-HARTKE BILL

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Trinity): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In light of increased support in the United States for the Burke-Hartke trade restriction bill, has the minister made any direct representations to the United States government recently to assure that the Nixon administration will oppose this bill and, if necessary, veto the bill if it is passed by the United States Congress this year?

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I am aware of the Burke-Hartke bill and its protectionism, and I am also aware that there are business groups in the United States that oppose it. I am hopeful that the administration will oppose it as well, as did the last administration.

Mr. Hellyer: Mr. Speaker, is the minister aware of speculation that the enactment of this bill, which incidentally insiders in Washington say is virtually a certainty this year, could end up costing Canada as many as 300,000 jobs and, if so, is the government going to take immediate and energetic action to remove this threat to our vital