

Inquiries of the Ministry

institute any further inquiry, particularly with respect to the involvement of a member of the RCMP coming under the minister's jurisdiction, in connection with this tragedy? Second, will it be the intention of the minister to table the report of the investigating officer of the RCMP so that members of the House may be informed of the full circumstances of this killing?

[Translation]

Mr. Goyer: Mr. Speaker, I feel that the report of the coroner, who is essentially responsible for the inquiry, must first be studied.

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[English]

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

ADVERTISEMENT PROMOTING NEW PLAN—REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION OF TRUTH OF STATEMENTS AND REASON FOR EXPENDITURE

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, my question covers two departments, those of the Minister of Labour and the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs; therefore I shall address my question to the Prime Minister. Would the Prime Minister undertake to examine an advertisement for which the Canadian taxpayers' money is being used in which the government advertises the new unemployment insurance plan in these words: "Unemployment Insurance Benefits Went Up, Beginning June 27. And That Was Just The Beginning. It's The Start of Something Big. The Full Story Is In Our 'Guide To The New Unemployment Insurance—Information For Employees'." Will the Prime Minister investigate the truth of this advertisement and the reason why the Canadian taxpayers' dollars are being used for this nonsense when the effort of the government should be directed toward creating employment, not increasing unemployment?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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INCOME TAX

LACK OF BASIC EXEMPTION FOR WIFE WHO SUPPORTS HUSBAND

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): My question is directed to the Minister of National Revenue. In view of the fact that the income tax department permits a man to claim a \$2,000 exemption for his wife on the basis of his statement that they live together while it refuses to allow a wife a similar claim in respect of her husband, does the department propose to move to wipe out this flagrant example of discrimination against the female sex?

• (2:40 p.m.)

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, I will be happy to look into the hon. lady's question, but at first glance it appears to be a matter of tax policy and that is the responsibility of the Minister of Finance.

Mrs. MacInnis: May I ask the minister to look also into what proof a wife must produce before she can successfully claim a \$2,000 exemption for supporting her husband?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest that the supplementary should be placed on the order paper.

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IMMIGRATION

ILLEGAL ENTRY BY RUSSIAN SAILOR—DISPOSITION OF CASE

Mr. William Skoreyko (Edmonton East): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Manpower and Immigration if it is the intention of his department to grant political asylum to the 20-year old sailor, Serge Kourdakov, who jumped ship at Vancouver? If so, when can the House expect a statement in that connection?

Mr. Speaker: According to my recollection this question was asked yesterday, but perhaps the minister might answer if he has further information.

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, there is no further information, but I should like to comment on the particular manner of perhaps granting legal status to the Russian sailor concerned. It may not be in the form suggested by the hon. member. As I indicated yesterday, it will not be long before a conclusion is reached.

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STATUS OF WOMEN

REPORT ON REVIEW OF COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS—PRESENTATION OF LEGISLATION

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, my question is supplementary to the question asked by my colleague the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway, but it is addressed to the Minister of State for Urban Affairs. I understood he was committed to the important task of reviewing the recommendations of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women and their various proposals. Is he prepared to report to the House on the results of his review and to tell us what legislation, if any, is proposed to implement the report?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I am not in a position yet to give the report the hon. member is seeking simply because some of the working committee reports have yet to come forward and they must be reviewed and consolidated. There is no attempt to delay. We want to get on with it.

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POLLUTION

ST. MAURICE RIVER—LEGAL ACTION AGAINST INTERNATIONAL PAPER COMPANY

Mr. Raymond Rock (Lachine): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of the Environment. Do officials