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a high degree of mobility has been progressively introduced or proceeded with over the past four years. It is the intention of the government to continue in this direction as it produces a much better relativity and a much greater sense of fairness than attempts to equate unequal parts.

**Mr. McCleave:** Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

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**BANK OF CANADA****ISSUE OF NEXT BILL IN SERIES OF COLOURFUL CURRENCY**

**Mr. P. M. Mahoney (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to take this opportunity to answer a question regarding the new currency issue, of which the Minister of Finance took notice on Wednesday.

The Bank of Canada is not yet certain about the exact time of release for the next bill in the new series. However, I am informed that on grounds of security the announcement would in any event be withheld until just prior to release. Counterfeiters have the best chance of success in passing bogus bills when a new design is still unfamiliar to the public, and it is not intended to give them a headstart.

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**URBAN AFFAIRS****AVAILABILITY OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR MUNICIPAL WINTER WORKS PROJECTS—SUGGESTED MEETING WITH PROVINCES AND CITIES**

**Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West):** In view of my patience I hope the Speaker will allow me two questions to the Minister of State for Urban Affairs.

In light of the mayor of Toronto's criticism that the federal government has not come up with funds for winter works projects, can the minister at least assure the House that there will be federal funds available for municipal winter works projects?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of State for Urban Affairs):** The Prime Minister has dealt with this question on several occasions in the House in the last few days and I would not wish to add to his comments at this stage.

• (12 noon)

**Mr. Alexander:** In spite of the minister's tri-level conferences which have been held and which the Prime Minister seems to indicate have not been too successful, and in view of the fact that the federal government is now attempting to meet with the provinces, I ask the Minister of State for Urban Affairs this question. Inasmuch as Toronto feels it will now be necessary to prepare to go it alone, would the minister call a meeting of representatives of the cities and the provinces this month to discuss winter works programs so that there can be some co-ordination of efforts this winter? I ask this question because it seems to me necessary to have involvement of the municipalities in any discussions regarding winter works

[Mr. Drury.]

or winter programs that the government intends to introduce.

**Mr. Andras:** Mr. Speaker, it will be no surprise to the hon. member when I say that I subscribe to the principle of having the municipalities involved in such discussions. It will also be no surprise to him when I say that the inclusion of the municipalities in such discussions is basically a decision that must be taken by the provinces, and there have been some difficulties in that area in the last few months.

**Mr. Alexander:** One last supplementary—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. We have just about run out of time. I hope the hon. member will allow me to recognize the hon. member for Palliser.

[Later:]

**Mr. Alexander:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, if Your Honour will bear with me the answers the Minister of State for Urban Affairs gave to the House in reply to the questions I asked are, of course, important, but I also think it is important, in view of the fact that the municipalities have been frustrated in terms of bilateral agreements being forced upon them, that I ask whether Your Honour would allow me to ask the minister if he will assure that there is some participation by representatives of the municipalities in the scheme of things, in order that they will know—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Alexander:**—just what type of program—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. It is not for the Speaker to allow the hon. member to ask a further supplementary following the expiry of the question period five minutes ago. But I have no objection whatsoever if the House will allow the minister to reply to the hon. member.

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Andras:** Mr. Speaker, I could not possibly give the assurance to the hon. member that all those events will take place. I totally agree that the participation of the municipalities is necessary to come to any sound arrangements with regard to that or any other problems facing urban Canada. We have placed on record with the provinces our willingness, indeed our desire, to see tri-level consultation on this and many other matters, but all is not as smooth sailing as I would like, and in the end the provinces must themselves make that decision to include the municipalities. We cannot force that decision on them.

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**GRAIN****LIFT PROGRAM—ALLEGED REQUESTS FOR RETURN OF PAYMENTS**

**Mr. Stan Schumacher (Palliser):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. In view of the great number of demands now being made by his department for the return of payments made to prairie