

Inquiries of the Ministry

sought from the appropriate department in regard to proceeding further.

Mr. Skoberg: A supplementary question to the minister in connection with CNR labour-management policy. In view of the present wage and rules movement now going on with the CNR, and in view of the unanimous report of the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications in regard to the CNR pension plan, would the Minister of Labour tell the House whether or not he is interested in intervening in this particular case and drawing the attention of the CNR to the importance of settling this dispute?

Mr. Mackasey: Mr. Speaker, I do not make a practice of interfering with the principle of collective bargaining. The hon. member has referred to the report of the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications pertaining to pensions. I think this is required reading not only by the CNR but also the unions since there are some very far-reaching recommendations in the report applicable to both parties to this dispute.

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[Translation]

NATIONAL SECURITY**WAR MEASURES ACT—PAYMENT BY QUEBEC FOR SERVICES OF ARMED FORCES**

Hon. Martial Asselin (Charlevoix): Mr. Speaker, my question follows from the answer given earlier by the Prime Minister to the hon. member for Shefford, in which he said that payment for the services of the Armed Forces in Quebec should not "greatly" concern the Justice Minister of that province.

Does the Prime Minister wish to indicate thereby that the central government has decided to pay the whole cost of such services?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Well, no, Mr. Speaker. The detailed answer I gave the other day to the hon. member for Shefford was based on the fact, which had, I think, given rise to his question, namely, that the Canadian press had spread the rumour lately that I had stated that Quebec would definitely have to assume the cost in full, whereas it is not at all the position I have taken. It is possible that Mr. Choquette in saying that he was afraid Quebec would have to pay based his assumption on this position which is not at all ours.

I have repeated to the House what I have said today, Mr. Speaker—you are impatient and I am too—that Premier Bourassa and myself had decided to deal with the question in due time as it is not the most urgent matter at the present time.

Mr. Asselin: Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask a supplementary question.

Did the Premier of Quebec request that the federal government pay the entire cost of troops stationed in the province of Quebec?

Mr. Trudeau: No, Mr. Speaker.

[Mr. Mackasey.]

[English]

NATIONAL REVENUE**INQUIRY AS TO CLOSING OF SYDNEY TAXATION OFFICE**

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, I have a question I wish to address to the Minister of National Revenue. Is he in a position to reply to the question I posed yesterday?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, I am happy to tell the hon. member that the department is not giving consideration to closing the Sydney district taxation office.

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NATIONAL SECURITY**IDENTIFICATION OF OWNER OF CAR IN WHICH BODY OF PIERRE LAPORTE WAS FOUND**

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct to the Minister of Justice the question I asked him on October 26. It is one I have been asked about a great many times. Has the green car that was used in the kidnapping of Mr. Laporte been identified and the owner of the licence number established? Is this information in the hands of the provincial and federal governments, or was the licence number changed on the green car in which the body of Mr. Laporte was unfortunately found?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, I do not want to give the evidence in the hands of the police concerning the criminal charges which will be laid and the warrants that are out.

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THE CANADIAN ECONOMY**EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT FORECASTS BY ECONOMIC COUNCIL CHAIRMAN—GOVERNMENT REACTION**

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance and arises from the speech to the British Columbia Federation of Labour by the chairman of the Economic Council of Canada about employment and unemployment forecasts. Does the government agree with these projections?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I have not seen them at this point. I will take a look at them.

Mr. McCleave: When the minister answers that question, will he also say what the government expects the unemployment situation to be if he differs from the chairman?