

## THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

### POSSIBLE INVESTIGATION OF ATHLETES' SALARIES BY ANTI-INFLATION BOARD—GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct my question to the Minister of Finance. Does the minister agree with Mr. Pepin that a first priority for the new Anti-Inflation Board should be an investigation of athletes' salaries?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, we have constituted the Anti-Inflation Board and will be looking for their active guidance in dealing with these questions. From my standpoint the principal areas of concern, initially at least, will be the areas of food and rents.

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## REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES ACT

### POSSIBILITY OF AMENDING EFFECTIVE DATE

**Mr. J. Robert Howie (York-Sunbury):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct my question to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion, and I should like to congratulate the minister on his appointment to this very important post.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Howie:** I attempted to give the minister notice of my question yesterday and I hope he received it. In view of the fact that the Regional Development Incentives Act applies only to companies achieving commercial production on or before December 31, 1976, and recognizing that the planning and implementation stages of new manufacturing projects often require 18 months or more to complete, does the government attach priority to the amendment of this act so that its effective date may be extended?

**Hon. Marcel Lessard (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to express my appreciation to the hon. member for his kind words and for the fact that yesterday he gave me notice of his intention to ask this question today. In fact, Mr. Speaker, I may say to the House and to the hon. member that the government has decided it will extend the present act for five years past 1976. I am looking forward to tabling this very short bill in the House as soon as possible which is designed to achieve this objective. I hope that the interest shown by hon. members in this place would indicate that I will receive strong support and quick passage of this bill so that we will achieve the goals set in this department.

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## REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

### GOVERNMENT POSITION ON FUNDING MULTIPLEX CORPORATION

**Mr. J. Robert Howie (York-Sunbury):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to thank the minister for his very positive and wise answer which is well received. Is it the intention of

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the government to continue to fund the Multiplex Corporation in New Brunswick after December 31 of this year?

**Hon. Marcel Lessard (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** Mr. Speaker, this specific question is under review at the present time. There has been some discussion going on within the department about that popular subject and I hope I will be able to report on some decision in that regard soon.

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## OLYMPIC GAMES

### NAME OF HEAD OF SECURITY OPERATION—REQUEST FOR ASSURANCE COSTS WILL NOT ESCALATE

**Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley):** Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that a total force of nearly 10,000 men will be used for security purposes during next year's two-week Olympic games in Montreal, consisting of the RCMP, the Montreal and Quebec police forces, as well as 5,000 members of the armed forces, will the Solicitor General advise this House who in fact will be heading this mammoth security operation, and can he assure us at the same time that costs can be expected to remain at the originally projected figure of \$90 million, particularly in these times of restraint?

**Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, the olympic security is under a co-ordinating unit which is directed by a representative of the Montreal urban community police force. The RCMP along with the Quebec provincial police and the armed forces are represented on the co-ordinating group, but the director, and I forget the man's name right now, is from the Montreal urban community police force.

As to the costs, I cannot give the hon. member the over-all figure, but I know that in respect of the RCMP for which I have responsibility we are doing our best to keep tight control of these expenditures.

### POSSIBLE DIVERSION OF SECURITY FORCES BECAUSE OF BILLY GRAHAM CRUSADE

**Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley):** I have a supplementary question. Keeping in mind that the costs are related to direct grants from the federal government, and therefore are taxpayers' costs, and because of the fact that during the Olympic games Billy Graham is planning a mammoth crusade at one of the Olympic sites, will the minister inform the House whether he intends to divert security from existing areas for the Olympic games, add further security or, indeed, is it the government's intention to ask Mr. Graham to hold his crusade at some other time in order to prevent further potential dangers developing in an already potentially explosive situation which will exist in Montreal?

**Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, I read that Mr. Graham will give a talk or a series of talks during the Olympic games. I did not hear that he would give them on Olympic territory. I will check into that. I must say in respect of the costs that the costs for