

investigators from the RCMP reported to the National Capital Commission's headquarters. The same day, the General Manager of the NCC was suspended. The investigation is continuing, and the Hon. Member will understand that it would be inappropriate for me to make any further comments at this time.

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INDUSTRY

SYDNEY STEEL CORPORATION—FUTURE FUNDING

Mr. Russell MacLellan (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion. Has the Minister received a formal request for funding from the Province of Nova Scotia for the second phase of the business plan for the modernization of Sydney Steel Corporation? If so, what type of steel-making process is the province recommending?

Hon. Sinclair Stevens (Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion): Mr. Speaker, as Hon. Members know, I did meet with the Premier of Nova Scotia last week. At that time the question of future funding for Sydney Steel Corporation was discussed. It is now under review, and I would have to say that, as far as any requests from the province are concerned, there are two and possibly three alternatives that are under review.

TIMING OF GOVERNMENT DECISION

Mr. Russell MacLellan (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, I think the people of Sydney who depend on this steel plant for their livelihoods want to have more definitive information. When will the federal Government let the people of Sydney know when the second phase of the modernization will begin?

Hon. Sinclair Stevens (Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion): Mr. Speaker, very soon.

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT

VARIABLE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENT PROVISION

Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Employment and Immigration. Section 16(6) of the Unemployment Insurance Act provides for a variable entrance requirement which allows people to participate in the unemployment insurance fund in different ways depending upon the unemployment rates of their particular regions. That provision comes to an end on June 4 unless it is approved by an affirmative resolution of Parliament. Does the Minister intend to introduce such an affirmative resolution to the House of Commons?

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Hon. Flora MacDonald (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I anticipate that an announcement regarding that matter will be made very shortly.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF DECISION

Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, the Minister's answer is totally unacceptable in view of the fact that June 4 is the deadline for the new affirmative resolution. If the affirmative resolution is not passed, the requirement of 14 weeks will be in effect across the country. Does the Minister think that that is fair and reasonable in light of the fact that there are many people in regions of the country with high unemployment rates who must know the answer to that question because they may very well be laid off in the next week or two?

Hon. Flora MacDonald (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, the Government is very well aware of the consequences of the difficulties that arise with the expiry of the VER on June 4. Once again I would say to the Hon. Member, and to those who are concerned, that the Government will be making its decision known in that regard within a very short time.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

PREMIER'S TRIAL—INTERNAL INVESTIGATION

Mr. John Nunziata (York South-Weston): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Solicitor General my question is directed to Premier Hatfield's friend, the Minister of Justice, and concerns the MacKay-Hatfield affair and the internal RCMP report which we have been promised and promised. On February 25 the Deputy Prime Minister said that the report would be ready as early as that week. On March 5 the Solicitor General said that the report was substantially complete. On March 14 he again said that the report was substantially complete. On March 26 he promised that the report would be ready within a week or two. On May 3 he said that the report was just about complete. On May 8 he promised that the report would be made public within a matter of days.

Why the stonewalling? When, specifically, will the report be made public? Does the Government intend to abort justice twice on the same day by releasing the report on budget day to avoid as much publicity as possible?

Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, that is an ingenious suggestion. I will pass it along to the Solicitor General.

The main difference between my hon. friend and myself is that I have at least one friend.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Broadbent: Name him, John.

Mr. Crosbie: My wife.