

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

start again on Monday, and I am advised that the report pertaining to the drug industry is now complete and will shed a fantastic new light on the question of research, which is part of the very heart of Bill C-190. Certainly as a backbencher in the opposition, and this applies to some backbenchers on the government side of the house, we would like to have a government report, an independent report, on this subject.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member has made his point, as I said a moment ago.

**Hon. E. D. Fulton (Kamloops):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Industry. Will the minister examine the material to see whether it is possible to segregate and table promptly an interim report having to do with drug research?

**Mr. Drury:** I would be glad to do that, Mr. Speaker, on the understanding that the interest of the house is particularly in research related to the pharmaceutical industry. I would take this occasion to indicate that in co-operation with the Canadian pharmaceutical industry a survey, which is rather more quantitative than qualitative of the efforts being made by the members of the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association of Canada was carried out. The information was provided on a confidential basis. If it would interest the house, I would be glad to ask the Canadian Pharmaceutical Association whether they would have any objection to making public, in global terms, the results of this quantitative survey.

**Mr. Nowlan:** A further supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for that information, because that was going to be the subject of a supplementary question. There are two different reports. I understand that the minister is prepared to table the joint report if he has the permission of the pharmaceutical association, which I think he will be able to get pretty easily.

[*Translation*]

**ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE****POLICY OF DEPARTMENT IN PROSECUTIONS FOR POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA**

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, a question was put a while ago concerning marijuana. It gives me the opportunity of replying to the question put two [Mr. Nowlan.]

days ago by the hon. member for Winnipeg North concerning the policy of the government and the officials of the Department of Justice in this regard. The best answer can be found in a few lines concerning government policy as stated by the crown attorneys in Toronto:

[*English*]

Department of Justice drug prosecutors in Toronto will henceforth ordinarily suggest jail terms for young persons without criminal records convicted of the possession of marijuana when asked for their views as to sentence by local judges and magistrates.

The communiqué goes on to say there has been an increase in the use of marijuana. It indicates that judges of the superior courts have recently increased sentences, and that we are guided and inspired by those sentences.

**Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I am not sure whether I fully comprehended the reply of the Minister of Justice. Do we understand from what the minister has said that in all cases advice will be given by the representatives of the crown against a suspended sentence being imposed where marijuana is involved?

**Mr. Trudeau:** No, Mr. Speaker; only when asked, and in view of the circumstances of the particular case, as the statement says. The crown prosecutor will recommend that the court follow the precedents set by the higher courts across the country in recent judgments.

**PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS****REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE OF REPORT ON ELECTION EXPENSES**

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (for the Secretary of State)** moved:

That the report of the committee on election expenses, tabled on October 11, 1966, be referred to the standing committee on privileges and elections.

Motion agreed to.

**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT****MEASURE TO BROADEN COVERAGE**

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (for the Minister of Labour)** moved the second reading of Bill No. C-197, to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act.

He said: Mr. Speaker, I regret that the Acting Minister of Labour (Mr. Mackasey) is not in his seat this morning in order to open