

*Inquiries of the Ministry***HOUSING****HAMILTON, ONT.—HEARING OF BRIEFS BY TASK FORCE**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): I just wish to contribute something constructive to this swinging question hour. I notice the Minister of Justice is here, and that earlier he was speaking on behalf of the Minister of Transport. I should therefore like to direct a question to him. Has the minister any indication now, or can he confirm the fact, that the task force will be visiting Hamilton, Ontario; and, if so, when?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): Yes, I can. The task force on housing plans to visit the city of Hamilton some time in November. The reason the exact date is not yet set is that the Minister of Transport wishes to weigh the briefs from all interested parties, including one from the city of Hamilton. We will certainly advise the hon. member so he can be there.

[Translation]

Mr. Georges Valade (Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a supplementary question.

Could the Minister of Justice, who answered on behalf of the Minister of Transport, tell us if the task force or the study group will again sit in Montreal to hear other representations on housing? Since the group was supposed to sit three days and stayed only one day, does the government intend to ask it to return to Montreal?

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Transport will take note of the hon. member's representations.

[English]

GRAIN**SPECIAL PROVISION FOR DRYING OF SPECIALTY CROPS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, this question is for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In his absence I should like to direct it to the Minister without Portfolio. Is the minister now prepared to give me an answer to the question I asked on October 24 with regard to giving priority to the moving of damp grain and more specifically flax and rapeseed, which will suffer severe loss if left out over the winter?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I suggest to the hon. member that this is not the way in which the House of Commons should conduct its business.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Speaker: If the hon. member would kindly state his question of privilege as quickly as possible I shall give a ruling on it.

Mr. Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): I agree with you, Mr. Speaker; this is not the way to run the house and you have your hands full when you have characters like that to contend with. Since this session began the hon. member for York South has had to straighten out this individual over there who is the leader of this country—

Mr. Speaker: Order. Perhaps the hon. member would realize how far these things can go. I would ask the co-operation of all hon. members—

Mr. Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): All right, Mr. Speaker. On this question of imputations being made, the hon. member for York South on two occasions has directed the attention of the house—and it is the same today—to the fact that the Prime Minister was imputing motives to hon. members. This is not correct. Today he was imputing motives to the hon. member for Cape Breton-East Richmond. The right hon. gentleman reached this chamber in the same way as the rest of us, and he has no more right to impute motives than I have, or than any other member has.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I understand the hon. member for Provencher also has a question of privilege to raise.

Mr. Mark Smerchanski (Provencher): I hope this is a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker. It arises on the same basis. It has been said there has been a lack of humanitarian consideration by our present Canadian government. I feel I wish to congratulate most heartily the Minister of Manpower and Immigration—

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. It would probably be easier to rule on this question of privilege than on the previous one.