

*Oral Questions*

wealth conference regarding immigration viewed, since the Acting Prime Minister states that no decisions have been made and no discussions have taken place in respect of the immigration policy that will be needed?

**Mr. Sharp:** One of the principles that underlies our legislation now, and that we have no intention of changing, is the principle of non-discrimination. I hope it has universal approval in this House.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** It is complete discrimination, that's what it is.

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**AIR TRANSPORT**CANADA-CUBA SERVICE—REQUEST FOR REPORT ON  
NEGOTIATIONS TO ESTABLISH ROUTE

**Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport, a question which I have often asked him and which now is more timely than ever. A few days ago he indicated that he would investigate the state of negotiations between Cuba and Canada regarding a regular direct scheduled air service. Is he now in a position to indicate progress on this very important and widely favoured transportation link?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, we have communicated with the government of Cuba and they have agreed to meet the Canadian delegation. I think the date on which the negotiations will start is May 26, and I hope they will end with a good agreement.

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**FINANCE**

## INQUIRY AS TO DATE OF BUDGET

**Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Finance, but he is not in his seat at the moment.

**An hon. Member:** He is now.

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

**Mr. Alexander:** I know the minister will be sorry to hear that in his absence we have come no closer to reaching a consensus with respect to voluntary guidelines. In fact, the prognosis indicates that inflation will be worse and so will unemployment, and that there will be no growth, something that is on everybody's mind—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Alexander:** This is where I come to my question. Can the minister advise us of the date of the budget for the edification of the people of Canada?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance):** I want to thank the hon. member for so warmly welcoming me back to the House and tell him that the answer is no.

[Mr. Epp.]

**THE CANADIAN ECONOMY**INFLATION—REQUEST FOR PROGRESS REPORT AND  
CONFIRMATION OF EXISTENCE OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS  
RELATING TO PROGRAM OF CONSENSUS ON RESTRAINT

**Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West):** Perhaps I can say that I am glad to see the minister back in Canada so he can get on with the job which he was elected to do. I wonder if the minister could confirm whether in fact there are two documents in existence, one, I believe, entitled "Proposals for the First Year of Consensus" and the other "Machinery for Administering a Voluntary Restraint Program" and whether these documents have been submitted to both labour and management. In this regard, would the minister now undertake to make a statement to the House in order that the country will know just what is going on and what the minister has in mind?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, all documents in circulation are still working papers only. The various details have not been decided upon either by the government or in discussion with any sector of the economy. They are still open for discussion. So I think it would still be pre-mature for me to comment on the details.

As for the general principles underlying the process, my parliamentary secretary, the hon. member for Sarnia, tabled those in the House of Commons simultaneously with my delivering those remarks to the first minister at the recent federal-provincial conference.

INFLATION—POSSIBILITY OF GUIDELINES ON INCOME BEING  
PRESENTED TO LABOUR

**Mr. John A. Fraser (Vancouver South):** Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that the support of labour of voluntary restraint will depend on an assurance of comprehensive restraint, has the government prepared precise guidelines on all forms of income, including fees and dividends, and all prices, including metals and shelter? Will these guidelines be given before the meeting on Wednesday?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, as I said to the hon. gentleman's quasi seatmate, it would still be premature for me to speak about those details.

INFLATION—RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS FROM CANADIAN  
LABOUR CONGRESS CONCERNING LOW INCOME WORKERS

**Mr. John A. Fraser (Vancouver South):** On April 24 the Acting Minister of Finance said that the government was working on responses to a number of specific questions from the Canadian Labour Congress regarding low income workers and other important matters, such as employment growth and job security. Have those questions yet been answered, and if not, will the CLC receive some answers before the Wednesday meeting?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance):** There have been very thorough discussions with the CLC on a technical level, and if, as and when the consensus is arrived at, details will be given fully in the House.