

Inquiries of the Ministry

prepared to produce the information and evidence required to satisfy the majority of the members of this house that the policy is indeed good and progressive, and will meet the needs of the military forces of this country in the future. In so far as any details are concerned, they will be made available by the military staffs at the time the bill is being considered by the standing committee on national defence.

Mr. Winch: I have a supplementary question. In view of the emphatic and point blank answer given by the minister I should now like to ask him what I believe is a logical question. Does he take the position that the defence committee of this House of Commons is merely a rubber stamp in respect of government policy and legislation?

Mr. Hellyer: Absolutely not, Mr. Speaker. My belief is quite to the contrary.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest that the supplementary question asked by the hon. member is argumentative.

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I listened to the minister's answer with great interest. Can he explain why the government is going the other way around in respect of its procedure on the white paper immigration policy?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Hellyer: To my knowledge that is not the case, Mr. Speaker, but I will refer that question to my colleague who is responsible for these matters.

BROADCASTING**INQUIRY AS TO INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): I have a question I intended to direct to the Secretary of State, but in her absence perhaps I should direct it to the Minister of Public Works in his capacity as house leader. When does the government intend to introduce the promised legislation on broadcasting?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, my understanding is that the white paper has to be considered by the standing committee first. I do not believe this legislation will be brought forward for some time, for the additional reason we have quite a bit of legislation on the order paper

[Mr. Hellyer.]

which we have been trying to deal with first. We lost a couple of days last week. We hope to move ahead with the broadcasting legislation as soon as the committee has dealt with the white paper.

Mr. Nesbitt: I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Will the minister indicate whether it is intended to bring this legislation forward at the present session of parliament?

Mr. McIlraith: It is my understanding, Mr. Speaker, that the Secretary of State answered this question yesterday. I will look up that answer and repeat it.

Mr. Nesbitt: I have a related question I should like to direct to the minister who acts on behalf of the Secretary of State in her absence. I was wondering whether the minister would convey to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation the suggestion that the program "Preview Commentary" might be more properly entitled "Liberal Commentary".

HIGHWAY SAFETY**INQUIRY AS TO INCREASED GRANT TO SAFETY COUNCIL**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. P. V. Noble (Grey North): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Now that death on the highways is considered to be Canada's No. 1 health problem, will the Minister of National Health and Welfare tell the house to what extent the grant to the Canada Highway Safety Council will be increased?

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, the most recent grant made by the department to the council was greater than the previous grant. We have the representations of the council under consideration and if there is any further change in the extent of the grant, it will be announced in the house.

INDUSTRY**INFORMATION ON OPERATIONS OF FOREIGN COMPANIES IN CANADA**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Max Saltzman (Waterloo South): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. In view of the widespread interest in the information being collected by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics about the operation of foreign corporations in Canada, can the minister say if this work is now completed and