

*Oral Questions*

The Hon. Member will also have noted that the question of determining what organizations could or should benefit from an exemption under the provisions of the Income Tax Act will be referred to a joint committee of the Senate and the House of Commons, which will review this issue, hear representatives from the voluntary sector and suggest to Parliament appropriate initiatives to meet the demands of that sector. I therefore believe we should be confident that this initiative proposed in the Speech from the Throne will do much to meet the representations of the Hon. Member and the voluntary organizations.

[English]

**Mr. McLean:** Mr. Speaker, the Minister will know that in the past three years, representations have been made by the non-Government sector about this whole issue. The proposed task force is welcome, but no time frame has been given. Perhaps this is yet another cover-up.

## TAX INCENTIVES—GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Mr. Walter McLean (Waterloo):** Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question also relates to the suggestion in the Throne Speech that the voluntary sector is to be integral to government planning. The speech indicates that the voluntary sector is Canada's massive, diverse—

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Would the Hon. Member please ask his question?

**Mr. McLean:** Mr. Speaker, on November 10, 1982, the Minister promised tax incentives. Why have there been no tax credit incentives as in the give and take tax proposals that were promised, but merely more grants to keep the sector dependent, rather than giving the sector its own strength?

[Translation]

**Hon. Serge Joyal (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, once again the Hon. Member is criticizing before knowing what will happen. When the terms of reference of this committee are known and announced to the House of Commons and the Senate, the Hon. Member will then be able to say when the committee should sit and by what date it should report to the House. As for his second question about the amendments to the tax laws, the Hon. Minister of Finance has already made certain proposals and the committee will be responsible for discussing not only the registration of organizations, but also other questions related to the tax status of Canadian charity organizations.

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[English]

## DISARMAMENT

## NATO POSITION ON STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE

**Mr. Paul E. McRae (Thunder Bay-Atikokan):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister and deals with

peacekeeping. I would like to congratulate him on his very fine efforts in attempting to reduce tension between the superpowers at this critical period for all humanity.

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

**Mr. McRae:** My question deals with the NATO Foreign ministers' talks. I would ask the Prime Minister whether or not the Minister of External Affairs has been able to achieve anything at those talks, particularly regarding the points the Prime Minister has been making about upgrading the January Stockholm meetings and about confidence-building measures.

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I did hear from the Minister this morning and it does seem that those attending the NATO meeting in Brussels have agreed that the Stockholm conference on disarmament in Europe, which is to be held in January, should be held at a high political level, and they have agreed that Foreign Affairs Ministers should be present in Stockholm for that occasion. I find great satisfaction in that our NATO colleagues should have accepted that need to politicize the issue. Regarding the Mutual and Balanced Force Reduction talks in Vienna, they have also agreed that every effort should be made to provide an answer as soon as possible to the counterproposal made by the Soviets and that we would then decide at what level that answer should be delivered in Vienna. I am very happy that there has been movement on that front as well.

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## GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

## NUNAVAT COMMUNICATIONS INC.—CONTRACTS WITH DEPARTMENTS

**Hon. Allan Lawrence (Durham-Northumberland):** Mr. Speaker, Nunavut Communications Inc. is a private corporation which has at least 45 contracts with various government Departments to provide publicity and advertising services. My question is directed to the Minister of Justice. Why is Mr. Jim McDonald, the man who runs Nunavut, most easily reached through the personal staff telephone numbers and offices of the Minister of Justice? Does his company pay the Government for telephone, secretarial, and office services obtained from the Government—

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** This is the type of question which should normally appear on the *Order Paper* since it is in so much detail. However, perhaps the Minister would like to reply.

**Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, as the Hon. Member has indicated, this company does have a certain number of contracts with various government Departments. It has a certain number of contracts with my Department, and Mr. McDonald is present in my Department from time to time. I have even had the opportunity of discussing problems with him when he is available, as I am sure have other Ministers as well.