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standards or ordinances for rented accommodations, and to provide incentives for both urban and rural municipalities which fight blight and decay in housing by such ordinances.

3. To provide long-term loans to municipalities for the acquisition of land for housing and or recreation purposes.

4. To provide such incentives as are fair to encourage the investment of capital in house financing.

These are just a few of the things which must be acted on today. What does the minister do in the face of the housing crisis? He passes the buck in the most cynical way by going off on a cross country junket in the middle of the winter to discuss the problem with provincial and municipal authorities. This is the kind of delaying tactic which creates disillusionment with political institutions and modern governments and cynicism on the part of the people.

I cannot believe for a minute that the parliamentary secretary, who is attuned to the welfare needs of the people in 1967, will get up in the house tonight and defend the irresponsible action of his right-wing 19th century minister. Let him get up in the house and say that houses will be built in 1967 so that the hundreds and thousands of Canadians who are looking for homes will have them. Let him assure me that when I bring up this question day after day all I will get will not be laughter from the front benches. I mean business, and we are here to listen to what the parliamentary secretary will say in terms of what will be done to encourage home building in 1967. I hope he will not get up and read statistics when hundreds of thousands of Canadians are looking for homes.

Mr. B. S. Mackasey (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I am sure the hon. member, who made such a very objective speech, realizes that I am limited to three minutes. However, I would invite him to debate the subject with me the next time the estimates of the minister are before us, or on another appropriate occasion.

I listened with a great deal of interest particularly to the beginning of his speech hoping that he would be as objective and sincere as he pretends to be about the problem of housing. To refer constantly to the minister as the right-wing dinosaur indicates to me at

[Mr. Grafftey.]

least that the member's appeal is not a sincere one, but just a desire to seek more publicity in the newspapers now that perhaps some of his other activities are not as prominently publicized as they were hitherto.

Mr. Grafftey: That is not worthy of you.

Mr. Mackasey: I am not too sure what the difference is between a junket in the middle of the winter and a junket in the middle of the summer but it is obvious that the hon. member does not understand the reasons for the minister's tour across the country. I am rather appalled at the fact that a member who stands up in the house as often as he does and speaks about the sanctity of the B.N.A. Act refuses to realize tonight that housing is essentially a provincial matter, whether he likes it or not.

The reason the minister is touring the country is to make the provinces aware of the different clauses of the National Housing Act, of which up to date many provinces have been reluctant to take advantage. The result of one of these "useless symposiums" as the hon. member likes to call them, was to convince the province of Quebec to set up a housing corporation when that legislative assembly gets an opportunity to do so. If this is useless in the opinion of the hon. member, then I will not be able to convince him in three minutes. However, I would remind him of the fact that 90 per cent of the suggestions which he advanced tonight are already incorporated in the National Housing Act.

This proves what I have long suspected. He has never read it and is not interested in it. He is motivated by political partisanship and a wonderful opportunity to castigate the minister when he is not here. I will let the minister answer the charge of being a right wing dinosaur, and I am sure he will find suitable adjectives to use in his reply. The fact that the hon. member is now walking out is further proof that his whole motivation in asking the question was to seek undue publicity at the expense of the senior citizens.

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Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I should like to say a few words in this inspired atmosphere. In perusing the report of the Auditor General to the House of Commons for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1966, I noted that Canada Law Reports were sold to certain persons for \$5 while the charge for a subscription through the Queen's