

would provide money from the federal government through provincial governments to enable municipalities to buy and service land for housing development?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, the Leader of the Opposition is anticipating somewhat the housing debate. That legislation is before the house and we have indicated that it will be announced as one of the next items on the order of business. I therefore hope the hon. gentleman will be patient until the minister makes his speech when presenting the legislation to the house.

**Mr. Stanfield:** Mr. Speaker, I am a very patient man but this point is not included within the bill. By way of supplementary question may I therefore ask the Prime Minister whether the government is reconsidering its rejection of the land bank proposal of the Hellyer task force? Will the Prime Minister say if the government is considering some modification of that proposal when the matter is presented to the house?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Of course, Mr. Speaker, everything will not be in the bill. Part of this matter will be government policy. Part of it will be implemented without there being any need for changes in the legislation. Those are the matters the minister will be discussing with the house when he presents the bill next week, hopefully, for second reading.

#### REQUEST FOR PRIORITY IN DEBATE OF LEGISLATION

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** Mr. Speaker, may I address a question to the Prime Minister which arises out of the announcement of house business made yesterday. It is apparent that the first piece of major legislation to be dealt with is the official languages bill. While we in this party are anxious to promote linguistic equality in this country I wish to ask the Prime Minister whether he will not consider giving top priority to legislation dealing with housing, industrial incentives and agricultural matters which demand immediate attention, if the house is to deal with them during the present session of parliament?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, we have considered the matter and realize the importance of these economic matters. Two factors have entered into our decision here. The first is that the minister is a new minister, and we wanted to make sure

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that he had time not only to familiarize himself with the workings of that part of the government's operation, but also that he had time to present the kinds of changes the opposition is suggesting we should consider in our housing policy. The second is that, although some people are waiting for action in these economic fields, it is also true that other people have been waiting for 100 years for the government to act in the area of languages.

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

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##### REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION TO ASSIST PRAIRIE FARMERS

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Considering the serious situation on the prairies as a result of declining quotas and reduced prices, has the government proceeded far enough with its review of this problem to be able to assure the house that some legislation will be introduced or that some announcement of policy will be made during the present session to cope with the matter?

**Mr. Speaker:** I am doubtful whether this is a valid supplementary, but the question having been asked, I will allow it.

**Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North):** I would like to ask a supplementary—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I recognized the question. Perhaps the minister responsible might wish to reply to the question asked by the hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands.

**Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** If I may repeat the question, Mr. Speaker. I was asking the question because we are dealing with the house business for the balance of the session. I ask the Prime Minister if the government intends prior to the end of this session to introduce legislation or make any announcement of policy with a view to helping the prairie farmers.

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Agriculture has commented upon and answered this type of question many times in the past week. I have nothing to add.