

Inquiries of the Ministry

it but I can tell him now that I have been officially informed by the government of Newfoundland of the existence of such a program.

[*English*]

Mr. McGrath: May I ask the minister a supplementary question—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. May I suggest to the hon. member that we are trying to give the opportunity to a few more members to ask questions, although we have reached the end of the question period.

HEALTH AND WELFARE**TRAINING OF NURSES TO SERVE IN AREAS WITHOUT DOCTORS**

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe North): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Since, in view of the great scarcity of general practitioners, nurses are being trained to take the place of doctors in areas that doctors have left, will the minister assure the House that no action will be taken before there has been full discussion with the National Nurses Association and the medical profession?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I think I can give the hon. member that assurance. I know that the matter has certainly been discussed with the Canadian Medical Association as part of the over-all discussions surrounding the health cost report. I am not sure about discussions with the National Nurses Association.

RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF DRUGS, TALWIN AND DARVON

Mr. W. C. Scott (Victoria-Haliburton): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the reports that the United States government is considering imposing restrictions on the use of the pain killers Talwin and Darvon, will the minister say whether his department is considering similar action for Canada?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I will not be able to answer that question today. I should like to take it as notice.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

Mr. Nowlan: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. I raise the point now, in view of some of the things the minister said

[*Mr. Marchand (Langelier).*]

earlier, because I did not want to take up the time of the House during the question period. In view of the gratuitous apology of my colleague for Fundy-Royal with regard to certain alleged statements of the Minister of National Health and Welfare, and since I was also mistaken about something which I thought I had heard, may I also extend my humble apology to him. In order to clarify this remarkable chain of events and/or confusion that exists in my ears—

An hon. Member: In your head.

Mr. Nowlan: Not my head; my ears. I deliberately said my ears. That may have been one of the Prime Minister's canards; I do not know. In order to clarify this matter, and this is important, I hope the minister will speak to his colleague, the Secretary of State, who is to appear in the House tomorrow, and ask him to explain how so many hon. members who were listening to *The World at Eight* this morning heard a narration pertaining to a Hamilton meeting, with the insertion of a voice that was allegedly the minister's voice. I should like that clarified. Allegedly it was the minister's voice.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

Mr. McGrath: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I apologize for raising this as a point of order but I directed a question to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion which required a simple yes or no answer. In keeping with the undertaking given at the time of the passage of the legislation one year ago, and in view of some apparent discrepancies in the operation of the act, will the minister make a statement on the operation of the Regional Development Incentives Act before Parliament adjourns for the summer recess?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. That is not a point of order. The hon. member has asked a question. He is not alone in being frustrated. I notice a number of other hon. members who are also anxious to ask questions. If the hon. member is allowed to do so after the question period has been expired for quite a few minutes, then other hon. members will also raise other points of order and they will have to be allowed to put their questions. I appreciate the difficulty in which the hon. member is placed. If there is unanimous agreement to allow the hon. member to put his question and to allow the minister to answer, the Chair certainly has no objection.

Some hon. Members: No.