

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

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

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The Chair recognizes the Leader of the Opposition for a supplementary question.

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Caouette:** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question.

**Mr. Speaker:** I shall recognize the hon. member for Témiscamingue later.

[*Later:*]

**Mr. Caouette:** Mr. Speaker, I wish to put a question to the Minister of Finance, if he is listening. He is not listening to me—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The hon. member for Témiscamingue has the floor. He should be allowed to ask his question.

**Mr. Caouette:** I merely ask that the Minister of Finance be kind enough to listen to my supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

He is asking members of my party as well as opposition members to take an active part in the work of the committee. Is he in a position to state that he has the full co-operation of government members for this purpose?

[*English*]

**Mr. Benson:** I can give this assurance.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

WHITE PAPER ON REFORM—SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** I should like to ask the Minister of Finance whether he will play his full part with regard to the consideration of this measure by filing the supplementary documents which he promised he would file before the end of January?

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

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance):** The committee has been very busy dealing with other matters, but—

**Mr. Horner:** Resign and get it over with.

**Mr. Benson:** —I approved the document yesterday and it is being mailed to the chairmen of both committees.

[*Mr. Benson.*]

## HEALTH AND WELFARE

## COST OF NURSING HOME CARE

**Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe North):** I would like to address a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. On January 28 I asked him whether, in view of the increasing number of older people who are being discharged from hospitals to nursing homes for further care and who find themselves without funds and not covered by a hospitalization service for which they paid for many years, the minister has discussed this problem with his provincial counterparts or has some plan to cover the cost of such care for these people?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Would the hon. gentleman make it clear if he is talking about financial assistance to the institutions or to the people involved?

**Mr. Rynard:** To the nursing homes to which these people have to go.

**Mr. Munro:** There is no sharing formula under hospitalization or the Canada Assistance Plan to provide assistance in these particular cases.

**Mr. Rynard:** I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Has the minister discussed this with his appropriate counterparts to see whether these people can be covered by hospitalization? They paid for it for many years and now find themselves without any funds to go into a nursing home.

**Mr. Stanfield:** The just society.

**Mr. Munro:** I am quite prepared to have this item put up for discussion at the next federal-provincial ministers conference.

**Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway):** Will this matter be included within the scope of discussions about the new social security framework which is being discussed?

**Mr. Stanfield:** The member means frame-up.

**Mr. Munro:** I would think that the proposals, whatever they may be, which will be covered in any new policy will have their effect in a particular instance such as this, but I cannot be more specific than that at present.