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moment, but I still believe the suggestion in the report of the task force, that we should free the interest rate rather than set an artificial ceiling as is the case under the law presently, would result in some reduction in the interest rate—perhaps not dramatic but at least worth while—and that this should be considered by parliament at an appropriate time.

**Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill):** In view of the fact that no C.M.H.C. money is available for urgently required multiple housing, particularly of the high rise type, in Thompson, Manitoba, would the minister take a look at this situation and see whether something could not be done about it?

**Mr. David Lewis (York South):** I was about to ask the Minister of Transport in his capacity as minister responsible for housing in what way the Goldfarb report was, according to Mr. Goldfarb, improperly used in the report of the task force. Would the minister consider tabling the Goldfarb report so that members of the house can see exactly what Mr. Goldfarb found?

**Mr. Hellyer:** If I might answer both these questions, Mr. Speaker: first of all I shall be glad to inquire into the mortgage situation in respect to Thompson, which was one of the areas of urgent need that we visited. It is my intention to take every possible step to make sure that enough mortgage money is available to meet the needs of that growing community during the coming building season.

With regard to the second question, personally I have no objection to tabling the report. As far as I know there is none, but I will make inquiries and if that is the case I will be glad to table it. I do not think any improper use was made of the report, or that Mr. Goldfarb said there was. I think what he said has been misinterpreted; at least, he indicated to me that that was the case. He had no real quarrel with the conclusion of the task force report that a very careful look should be taken at this whole area before any permanent policy is announced.

**Mr. Lewis:** A further supplementary question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I wonder whether the hon. member does not think that we should move on to another subject. We have spent ten minutes on the same subject and various other members are rising. I suggest we move on to another matter.

**Mr. Lewis:** With great respect, Mr. Speaker, there is a question that is directly related to the Goldfarb matter, but if Your Honour wants to pass on to another subject—

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member may proceed with a further supplementary.

**Mr. Lewis:** Mr. Speaker, I did not use the word that Mr. Goldfarb used. He said that the report had been bastardized. In order to avoid using that term, I said that it had been improperly used.

I should like to ask the minister whether he has in writing from Mr. Goldfarb a statement to the effect that he has no disagreement with the task force report's conclusion regarding public housing. If he has anything in writing from Mr. Goldfarb, would he also table it?

**Mr. Hellyer:** Mr. Speaker, to the best of my knowledge there is nothing in writing. He gave me this information during the course of a telephone conversation, so I presume that that is his view. Concerning the other allegation just made by my hon. friend, if I recall correctly I think Mr. Goldfarb said that the report of what he had said bastardized what he intended to say.

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

**Mr. Hellyer:** So that rather than speak for him—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings.

**EXHIBITIONS****CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION—PLEDGE OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BY FORMER PRIME MINISTER**

**Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Acting Prime Minister. Since the government announced it is willing to assist Man and his World does it intend now to honour a pledge which was given on behalf of the federal government by former prime minister Pearson in a speech at the opening of the Canadian National Exhibition in 1965, and repeated two years later on a similar occasion, to the effect that the federal government would give financial assistance to the Canadian National Exhibition in order to make it, as he said, a great national showcase?

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport):** I can only say, Mr. Speaker, that members of parliament from Toronto sitting on the government side of the house are fully aware of