

made by the Fédération des francophones hors Québec? Can the minister publish that study and if so, when?

**Hon. John Roberts (Secretary of State):** Of course, Mr. Speaker, I received that document yesterday. I read its recommendations last night. I have not all the document which is 500 pages long. I intend to send copies of it to all the regional offices and table it here in Ottawa so that hon. members, as well as the public, of course, can read it if they so wish.

REQUEST FOR COMMISSION TO STUDY POSITION OF  
FRANCOPHONES OUTSIDE QUEBEC—GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette):** Mr. Speaker, on a supplementary.

Seeing that barely ten days ago the federation expressed its complete displeasure with the Tellier group and still recommended the setting up of a special commission by the Privy Council, can the minister tell us today, after having had, I believe, excellent communications with the federation, whether he is willing to recommend the establishment of the special commission so forcibly requested by the federation?

[English]

**Hon. John Roberts (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, as far as I know, there has not been any communication from the FFHQ to me since the meeting at which the decision to establish the task force was made. I have not received any communication from them, at least one I am aware of along the lines the hon. member has suggested. If they write me, of course I will consider carefully whatever it is they suggest.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

DEGREE OF SUPPORT FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA—GOVERNMENT  
POSITION

**Mr. Bob Brisco (Kootenay West):** Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the minister responsible for DREE and his parliamentary secretary, I address my question to the Acting Prime Minister. In light of the fact that British Columbia has been nearly sucked dry by federal taxation policies, and in light of the fact that we have seen in excess of \$400 million of DREE funding transferred to the province of Quebec, which needs it, including \$95 million for highway improvements, much of which is to be spent in the minister's riding and that of his provincial counterpart, the two architects of this agreement, is the Acting Prime Minister now prepared to indicate the degree to which the federal government is going to provide support to the province of British Columbia under the subsidiary agreement to be signed by the Prime Minister later this week?

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Acting Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I hesitate to regard the hon. member's question as serious, when he describes the policy of regional economic expansion as one of sucking the province of British Columbia

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dry. It is hardly in accordance with the noble sentiments we heard from his leader yesterday about national unity.

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

**Mr. Brisco:** Mr. Speaker, I invite the Acting Prime Minister to read the first part of my question in *Hansard*. Obviously, he was not listening.

As a result of the recent meeting relating to the critical and crucial water shortage of Castlegar and district, between the British Columbia director general for DREE and the British Columbia deputy ministers for economic development, environment and municipal affairs, is the minister prepared at this time to indicate whether this latest agreement, to be signed by the Prime Minister, is of sufficient scope to allow for DREE funding to be directed to this specific and serious problem?

**Mr. MacEachen:** Mr. Speaker, I will make inquiries and advise the hon. member.

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[Translation]

HOUSING

INQUIRY WHETHER GOVERNMENT WILL APPROVE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF MARATHON PROJECT IN MONTREAL

**Mr. Jacques Lavoie (Hochelaga):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to put my question to the Minister of State for Urban Affairs. Further to the question I asked in the House a few weeks ago concerning the site of the Angus shops, after meeting with the management of the firm Marathon and after noting that this project is of a cooperative nature and that it would create approximately 4,000 new permanent jobs, could the minister tell the House whether he is willing to give his support to the members representing the ridings of Maisonneuve, Lafontaine, Sainte-Marie and Hochelaga, to consider thoroughly the Marathon project with a view to urging its implementation?

**Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of State for Urban Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, yes I had the opportunity to consider the file which is most interesting, and I congratulate the hon. member for trying to speed it up. In this regard, he can count on the support of my department.

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[English]

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

REASON FOR OMISSION OF NEW BRUNSWICK FROM DOMINION  
DAY CELEBRATIONS

**Mr. Leonard C. Jones (Moncton):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State. Did the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State receive my telegram of July 1, which was Dominion Day, regarding the obvious omission of New Brunswick in that CBC three hour program on Dominion Day night, and particularly in the opening remarks? Can the Secretary of State now give a better expla-