

*Inquiries of the Ministry*  
**HEALTH AND WELFARE**

**ACTION ON WELFARE COUNCIL REPORT ON YOUTH**

**Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State. Can he inform the House what action his department is taking in respect of the recent Canadian Welfare Council report on transient youth?

[*Translation*]

**Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State):** I will take that question as notice, Mr. Speaker.

[*English*]

**CRIMINAL CODE**

**INTRODUCTION OF AMENDMENTS RESPECTING FALSE ARREST AND VAGRANCY**

**Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Justice. Is it his intention to bring forward legislation at this session to amend the Criminal Code with respect to such matters as false arrest and vagrancy?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. I intend very shortly to bring before the House a bail reform bill relating to bail, arrest and summons.

**TAXATION**

**WHITE PAPER ON REFORM—RETURN OF MINISTER OF FINANCE TO HOUSE**

**Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster):** Mr. Speaker, this question is for the Prime Minister. Can the Prime Minister inform the House when the Minister of Finance will be back in his place in the House so that we can start in again on the white paper?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I believe he is due in the House tomorrow. I will check.

**Mr. Bell:** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Prime Minister whether he anticipates a decrease in the \$190,000 expenditure when the Minister of Finance returns?

**REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION**

**SLAVE LAKE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL—NEGOTIATIONS WITH PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT**

**Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of [Mr. Speaker.]

Regional Economic Expansion. Could the minister inform the House when his department plans to conclude its negotiations with the provincial government concerning the Slave Lake development proposal?

**Mr. Speaker:** I am not sure just how urgent this matter is. The hon. member has asked a question and perhaps the minister might be allowed to reply.

[*Translation*]

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** Mr. Speaker, unfortunately I cannot mention a specific date yet, but I hope that it will be in a few weeks.

[*English*]

**SHIPPING**

**REPORT ON SAFETY AND MANNING CONDITIONS ON WEST COAST TOWBOATS**

**Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Labour when the Elestrom study—the labour department's study on safety and manning provisions for the west coast towboat industry—will be available to the general public?

**Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour):** Perhaps never, Mr. Speaker. It was not intended that it be made available to the general public. It was intended to reveal to the Minister of Labour, the Minister of Transport and senior civil servants conditions on the waterfront in the tugboat industry in British Columbia. I am considering releasing the report to the unions and to management as well as senior officials on the coast in order that they may work together as a team to clean up what is an unenviable situation.

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**TRANSFER OF NERVE GAS FROM OKINAWA TO UNITED STATES**

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Last week I asked him some questions regarding the transfer of nerve gas from Okinawa to the United States via the Strait of Juan de Fuca. At that time the minister said, I believe outside the House, that his department was making representations to the government of the United States concerning the possibility of their finding another route rather than going through the Strait of Juan de Fuca. I should like to ask the minister, first, whether he has