

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, June 3, 1970

The House met at 2 p.m.

[Translation]

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS

Fifth report of Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections—Mr. Laflamme.

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Eleventh report of Standing Committee on Transport and Communications in French and in English—Mr. Lessard (LaSalle).

[Editor's Note: For text of above reports, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

[English]

CANADA PENSION PLAN

TABLING OF ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1969

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, according to article 41 of Standing Orders, I wish to deposit the annual report in English and in French on the administration of the Canada Pension Plan for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1969.

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

FEASIBILITY STUDY ON RETENTION OF "BONAVENTURE"

Question No. 1,175—**Mr. MacLean:**

1. Have studies been made to determine the feasibility of retaining the aircraft carrier *BONAVENTURE* in a reserve condition to provide sea transportation from Mobile Command until such time as suitable long-range transport aircraft are available in sufficient numbers to give Transport Command air transport facilities?

2. What has been the finding of any such studies?

Mr. D. W. Groos (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence): 1 and 2.

Yes; however during the defence review it was concluded that the retention of *HMCS Bonaventure* could not be justified solely on the basis of providing sea transportation for Mobile Command.

P.E.I.—FEDERAL GOVERNMENT LOAN

Question No. 1,321—**Mr. MacLean:**

In connection with the loan to the Government of Prince Edward Island of \$10,000,000 as provided for in the 1970-71 estimates of the Government of Canada (a) what is the period of the loan (b) what is the interest rate to be paid by the Province (c) (i) do the terms of the loan require that the payments of principal and interest be amortized over the life of the loan (ii) what are the payments to be made by the Province annually under the terms of the loan (d) what is the total of the interest payments to be made by the Government of Prince Edward Island to the Government of Canada during the life of the loan (e) is there provision under the terms of the loan that interest rates and other matters may be renegotiated during the life of the loan (f) are any annual payments due in each fiscal year under the terms of this loan to be subtracted automatically from any payments made annually by the Government of Canada to the Government of Prince Edward Island (g) what is the total amount of loans made by the Government of Canada, including loans made from the Canada Pension Plan, to the Government of Prince Edward Island which have not yet been repaid (h) are any interest payments on any of the loans referred to in Part (g) now overdue and unpaid?

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Departments of Regional Economic Expansion and Finance as follows: (a) Section 11 of Schedule A, First Memorandum of Implementation of the Agreement Covering Development Plan states: "The terms of repayment in respect of each loan will be specified in such loan but in any case the terms of repayment will not exceed 30 years." (b) The interest rate shall be equal to the prevailing rate charged by the Minister of Finance to Crown Corporations with equivalent repayment period at the time the loan... is made, plus $\frac{1}{4}$ of one per cent; (c) (i) the form of repayment would be agreed upon at the time of the loan being made; (ii) the terms of repayment would be negotiated for each individual loan. (d) This cannot be calculated until particular loans have been agreed upon. (e) No. (f) No. (g) and (h) As at December 31, 1969, there were no direct loans made by the Government of Canada to Prince