

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Speaker: That is correct. That is the proper procedure, and I am sure the house will accept it for both answers.

[For text of answer to above question, see appendix "B", page 1100.]

DOMINION-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE**HOSPITAL INSURANCE—OPPORTUNITY
FOR DISCUSSION**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Paul Martin (Essex East): May I ask the Prime Minister if he might clarify today or at some early date the extent to which the provinces will be given the opportunity at the conference between the federal government and the provinces on November 25 next to discuss with the federal government the matter of hospital insurance.

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): There is no clarification required, Mr. Speaker. If the representatives of the provinces wish to discuss hospital insurance they will certainly have every opportunity to do so.

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary question to the Prime Minister. Will the federal government not take the initiative in discussing the hospital insurance question at the forthcoming conference so that something might be done to implement this legislation at an early date?

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, there is nothing whatsoever to prevent such implementation. There may be some matters requiring discussion; and if there are, at that conference everybody will be given the fullest opportunity, if the various prime ministers of the provinces so wish, to discuss these matters fully.

HOUSING**N.H.A.—STATEMENT AS TO POLICY AT
KITIMAT, B.C.**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Howard C. Green (Minister of Public Works): On November 11, Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for Skeena (Mr. Howard) asked me this question:

Is the minister aware that the previous long-term policy of the Aluminum Company of Canada at Kitimat in granting second mortgages to its employees who buy houses under the authority of N.H.A. has been or might be discontinued?

Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation have contacted the company in Kitimat and have obtained this answer:

The company has not changed its policy of granting second mortgages to employees who wish to build or purchase a house in Kitimat financed with the facilities of the National Housing Act. Second

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mortgages will be granted to home owner employees for houses financed under the act during 1957.

Aluminum Company of Canada has not yet considered the housing needs of employees in 1958. It has been the custom of the company to determine the project for each year at the close of the preceding year. Consideration is now being given to the 1958 program. At present no change in policy relating to the granting of second mortgages is in contemplation.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**REQUEST THAT DATE BE FIXED FOR EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS DEBATE**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister. In view of the seriousness of the international situation, and in view of his own indication that there should be a discussion of international affairs in this house before long, can he say whether arrangements will be made to have such a discussion early next week?

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, there is no intention to set aside any day of next week specifically for this purpose. However, there will be an opportunity to discuss this subject on the supply motion which will be moved on Monday. We have several other matters of legislation which we believe require early attention. Then when the new Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Smith) comes into this house the matter will receive attention and a date will be fixed.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE**CONTINUATION OF DEBATE ON ADDRESS IN REPLY**

The house resumed, from Tuesday, November 12, consideration of the motion of Mr. A. R. Smith (Calgary South) for an address to Her Majesty the Queen in reply to her speech at the opening of the session, and the amendment thereto of Mr. Coldwell.

Mr. J. H. Blackmore (Lethbridge): Mr. Speaker, during the time I occupied the floor of the house last evening I drew attention to the manner in which this parliament might find ways and means of obtaining money with which to pay for the benefits to Canadians envisaged in the program outlined by the Prime Minister (Mr. Diefenbaker).

The house, I think, agreed with me and would now agree with me that Canada is fully able to render all those benefits physically possible. There is no doubt that we are able to produce all the goods and services which all Canadians would require in order to enjoy a high standard of living. Our problem, then, is to devise adequate means