

which have taken place in the committee. The right hon. Prime Minister may be allowed to reply.

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Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I agree with you, Mr. Speaker. But if it is helpful in any way, and if the hon. member wants to write me about what is concerning him in terms of discrepancies, I will see if I can provide him with a satisfactory answer.

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HEALTH

SUGGESTED BROADCAST TO WARN YOUNG PERSONS OF DANGERS OF GLUE-SNIFFING

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. It arises because of the number of representations that have come to me in connection with the grave danger to physical health and to the brain of those who sniff glue. I would ask whether or not the government has made any decision to have this question brought generally to the attention of the Canadian people by way of a television or radio advertising campaign, to the end that the many young people across Canada who would suffer irreparable harm from this practice will be warned in advance.

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I thank the right hon. member for having given me notice of his question. The problem he raises is certainly a very serious one which is a cause of concern to all Canadians. It relates not only to glue-sniffing as such but to all kinds of other products that have effects as damaging as glue-sniffing itself. We will certainly carefully study the suggestion made by the right hon. member, but I must say there is a difficulty in this respect in that any advertising or promotion might be counterproductive in this field. We have committees of experts with which we are working to consider the effect of publicity in this field to determine whether it may be counterproductive.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, I thank the minister for his very complete answer. Just for the purpose of making the Canadian people aware of how terrible the danger is I ask, has there been any census taken with a view to ascertaining the number of young men and women, boys and girls, who indulge in this practice?

Mr. Lalonde: No, Mr. Speaker, except for a certain number of tragic accidents of which the public is very well aware.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

INQUIRY AS TO DATE OF INTRODUCTION OF FAMILY ALLOWANCE BILL

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, my question is also directed to the Minister

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of National Health and Welfare. In view of the fact that on a number of occasions the minister has indicated the shameful situation in Canada where many hundreds of children are suffering from lack of proper nutrition, and since he said on several occasions during the past few weeks that he was going to introduce family allowance legislation "next week," would he indicate which week he means? Will he give a definite date on when this legislation will be introduced?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): I would hope to do so next Monday, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Marshall: Will the minister indicate whether he has completed consultation and negotiations with all the provinces with regard to the new family allowance legislation, and will he further advise the House whether we will be able to complete consideration of the legislation before the summer recess?

Mr. Lalonde: So far as the first part of the question is concerned, Mr. Speaker, I have completed discussions and consultations with my provincial colleagues. As to the second part, this is not a matter that is in my hands.

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CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

EMPLOYEE UNREST REGARDING APPLICATION OF SAFETY DISCIPLINARY PROVISIONS—INVESTIGATION BY CANADIAN TRANSPORT COMMISSION

Mr. Ed Nelson (Burnaby-Seymour): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. In view of the widespread unrest among CNR workers in western Canada over the application of Canadian Transport Commission rules intended to enforce safety measures, and in view of allegations that employees are being unjustly dismissed through the misuse of safety disciplinary provisions, can the minister tell the House if his department is investigating the disciplinary procedures of the CNR?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): The CTC is, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Nelson: As a supplementary question, in view of the strong possibility that basic democratic rights are being denied these voters—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Nelson: —that basic democratic rights are being denied these workers through the denial of supporting evidence in kangaroo courts, can the minister say how soon this investigation will be concluded?

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): Mr. Speaker, I do not know if the hon. gentleman is talking about the working conditions or the accidents which happen on the railway. I would like to know to which of the two he is referring.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. We have reached the end of the question period.

Mr. Nelson: Mr. Speaker—