

Mr. Sharp: I would hope that the committee will speed up its deliberations because it is most desirable that we reach a decision well in advance of the NATO meeting.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

TIMING OF INTRODUCTION OF AMENDMENTS

Mr. Gordon Ritchie (Dauphin): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Justice. Will the minister say when he expects to introduce the amendments he suggested yesterday will be made to the official languages bill?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I want to review carefully the discussions I had with the four western Attorneys General in Victoria on Monday. I also want an opportunity to visit the Prime Minister and the Attorney General of Quebec the week after next. Then I will be discussing the matter fully with the Prime Minister and my colleagues. After that, if any amendments are judged appropriate they would be introduced at the committee stage.

Mr. Ritchie: As a supplementary question, can the minister say what help the federal government will be offering to provinces faced with the problem of providing bilingual facilities in some of their courts?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I wonder whether the hon. member is not attempting at this time to debate the bill which may eventually come before the house. The hon. member for Saint John-Lancaster.

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister with respect to his remarks earlier today on the cabinet roster system, which he made with some satisfaction. Is the Prime Minister aware that the Minister of Labour is bragging publicly that on his non-attendance days he has a long, leisurely lunch in a French restaurant and is not in his office—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. Bryce S. Mackasey (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I would be quite pleased to invite the hon. member—

Mr. Speaker: Order.

Mr. Mackasey:—to enjoy good cooking in an atmosphere of French culture.

Mr. Speaker: Order. This matter cannot be continued except as a point of privilege.

AGRICULTURE

CRESTON, B.C.—DECISION AS TO FEED GRAIN SUBSIDY

Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. Has his department reached a decision in regard to the feed grain subsidy situation in the Creston, B.C. area and, if not, when is it expected that a decision will be brought down?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member knows, there was a very important change made in this program beginning in July, 1968. We are studying the effects of the feed freight assistance program, and there is no specific date that could be set with respect to any amendments to it.

[*Translation*]

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

INTERVIEW WITH PAULINE JULIEN

Mr. J.-A. Mongrain (Trois-Rivières): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State, but in view of the fact that he is on an important mission abroad, I will direct it to his parliamentary secretary.

[*English*]

Could the parliamentary secretary inform the house whether Radio Canada, this Crown corporation which is always at the forefront in headlines, has mobilized its star reporters to greet and interview extensively that princess of separatism, Miss Pauline Julien, when she lands at Dorval shortly?

[*Translation*]

Mr. Robert Stanbury (Parliamentary Secretary to the Secretary of State): No, Mr. Speaker.

[*English*]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.