Mr. Lawrence: A supplementary question to the Minister of Labour concerning the material that is at least ten years old in the National Archives. The minister said that he would not want anyone in this House to break the law. Would he tell me what law he is speaking about, please?

Mr. Munro (Hamilton East): Mr. Speaker, this is set out generally in an order in council with reference to the 30 year rule. It applies to records of this particular kind.

HOUSING

POSSIBLE PROVISION FOR VETERANS HOUSING IN NEW LEGISLATION—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of State for Urban Affairs in charge of housing. In view of the fact that the minister has made the statement both inside and outside the House that he is bringing in new housing legislation to relieve the housing situation in Canada, since there are only a few days left in this part of the session would the minister indicate whether, as a result of consultations with the Minister of Veterans Affairs, the legislation will include, in addition to the various programs the minister mentioned, measures regarding veterans' housing?

Hon. Barney Danson (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I am happy to say that notice was given yesterday that the new housing legislation will be tabled tomorrow afternoon in the House. In addition to that, the legislation will, of course, apply to all Canadians, including veterans; it is not specifically designed for veterans. My colleague the Minister of Veterans Affairs will be prepared to comment on it at a later time.

ENERGY

SARNIA-MONTREAL PIPELINE—DATE OF CONSTRUCTION AND COMPANY RESPONSIBLE FOR CONSTRUCTION

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources regarding the proposed Sarnia-Montreal pipeline. Every two or three days the minister is asked about this matter, but he always says that he hopes he will have something definite to say in the course of the next few days. Is there anything definite the minister can tell us now regarding when the pipeline will be built and who is going to build it?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, negotiations are still underway with Interprovincial Pipe Lines.

Mr. Stanfield: A supplementary question. It seems negotiations are always underway. The minister is always saying he is going to give us a statement. Does the minister think he will be able to give us a statement before we leave for the Christmas recess? How long is the minister

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going to keep us on a string, or how long does he think he can keep us on a string?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, I often wonder how long hon. gentlemen opposite want to keep him a string.

Some hon. Members: Shame.

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Cheap.

Mr. Stanfield: Mr. Speaker, I am beginning to understand why the minister does not know his department better; he is worrying too much about things that do not concern him.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

LABOUR CONDITIONS

NORRIS COMMISSION—REQUEST OPPOSITION MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN DECISION ON MATERIAL TO BE RELEASED FROM ARCHIVES

Mr. Joe Clark (Rocky Mountain): Mr. Speaker, my question to the Minister of Labour is supplementary to the previous questions. If I understood the minister correctly, in answer to the questions posed by the hon. member for Northumberland-Durham he indicated that there was going to be a review of the evidence and other information submitted to the Norris commission to see what would be in the national interest to release. In light of the unusual interest in this question and of the natural concern that the government is stonewalling on the SIU question, would the minister agree to allow members of parliament from this side of the House to participate in the decision as to what would be in the national interest to release?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, surely the government of the day has to take the responsibility for interpreting the law correctly.

HOUSING

REASON NO LIMITED DIVIDEND PROJECTS APPROVED FOR VANCOUVER

Mr. Art Lee (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, I should like to pose a question to the minister of state responsible for housing, and it is with regard to the \$50 million federal program of limited dividend housing. Would the minister please inform the House why no projects were approved for Vancouver?

Hon. Barney Danson (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): Mr. Speaker, although bids were asked for from Vancouver, none was provided. I met with the building industry in Vancouver and with the mayor and provincial officials. A very unusual situation has developed there, but following my discussions, when funds become available on a much expanded scale in the new year I fully