

*Order Paper Questions*

We have also repeatedly expressed the opinion that we should plan our sessions, set both the starting and closing dates, in order to enable the members, which I think is quite legitimate, to spend some time with their families throughout the year. We have suggested it in the past and I do so again: we should try as much as possible to plan our work so that it fits in with the school year.

To my mind, the government should make an effort towards that aim and parties could agree amongst themselves about programming our work for the session in that way. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to bring up again a very interesting suggestion that would spare us a considerable waste of time in our work, that is, that general elections be held on a set date. I draw the attention of the Deputy Prime Minister and President of Privy Council (Mr. MacEachen) on that point, so that we might study it very seriously in every party. We are all here to manage as best we can the business of this country, and the suspense that always accompanies the possibility of a general election always plays havoc with the normal course of our work. I feel that we should, like intelligent people, reflect on those two matters: namely, a set date for general elections, and set dates for our sessions. If we could agree on them like intelligent people, we would give the country, I am sure, a more efficient administration, and the people would be very pleased with our decisions.

**ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

[Translation]

**BANKS AND BANKING LAW REVISION ACT, 1978**

## MEASURE RESPECTING BANKING

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Finance)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-57, to revise the Bank Act, to amend the Quebec Savings Banks Act and the Bank of Canada Act, to establish the Canadian Payments Association and to amend other Acts in consequence thereof.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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**QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER**

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 467, 1,304 and 1,469.

[Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse).]

I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

[Text]

## QUEBEC ELECTRONICIANS ASSOCIATION

**Question No. 467—Mr. Schellenberger:**

1. Has the government awarded financial assistance to the Quebec Electronicians Association in the past ten years and, if so (a) in which years were funds awarded (b) for what reason (c) what was the amount awarded in each year (d) to whom was the money paid (e) under what programme was the money awarded and what is the criteria for eligibility?

2. Is the government presently involved in allocating funds to the Quebec Electronicians Association and, if so (a) for what reason (b) in what amount?

**Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council):** I am informed by the Departments of Communications, Industry, Trade and Commerce, Labour and Science and Technology as follows: no.

## ARSENIC POLLUTION

**Question No. 1,304—Mr. Leggatt:**

Are steps being taken by the Department of Fisheries and the Environment and/or the Department of National Health and Welfare to mitigate the problem concerning the effects of arsenic pollution on human hearing and, if so, what are such steps?

**Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council):** In so far as the Department of National Health and Welfare is concerned: the Department of National Health and Welfare does not consider the effect of arsenic pollution on human hearing to be of such significance as to warrant an investigation at the present time. In so far as the Department of Fisheries and the Environment is concerned: no.

## NEW HORIZONS PROGRAM

**Question No. 1,469—Mr. Allard:**

1. Since the implementation of the New Horizons Programme, did the government allocate money to the Constituency of Rimouski and, if so, in what amount?

2. For each project accepted, what was the (a) name of the project (b) amount allocated (c) year of acceptance (d) name of the municipality involved (e) number of jobs created?

**Hon. Monique Bégin (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Yes.

List of New Horizons Projects  
Approved in the Constituency of Rimouski, Quebec

Project No.	Name of Organization	\$ Amount
1972-1973	Nil	
1973-1974		
4-00314	Les Retraités à l'Action, Rimouski	\$ 15,317
386	Le groupe des Aînés de St-Anaclet, St-Anaclet	1,226
481	Confort et Détente à l'Âge d'Or, Sayabec	3,873
502	Club d'Âge d'Or, Ste-Angele de Mérici	1,075
	Total	\$21,491