Inquiries of the Ministry CASTLEGAR, B.C.—CONSULTATION BEFORE CHANGE IN SERVICE

Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Were the municipalities involved in the operation of the Castlegar airport and other airports consulted by the Canadian Transport Commission before the decision was made to authorize B.C. Air Lines to operate local services on C.P.A.'s southern run?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I think this question could easily be placed on the order paper. Perhaps if there is urgency about it, it could be discussed at the time of adjournment.

Mr. Harding: Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

TELEVISING OF HOUSE AND COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the President of the Privy Council related to a question posed yesterday by the hon. member for Saint John-Lancaster. In view of the considerable importance and value of the broadcasting of the three constitutional conferences that have been held in the last year and a half, and the considerable difficulties encountered in reaching some kind of decision on that question with respect to this house and its committees, would the President of the Privy Council give consideration to immediate discussion and possible experimentation with such a television service, with perhaps the initial discussion taking place in the special committee on procedure?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): I will give that consideration, Mr. Speaker.

CANADA ELECTIONS ACT

REQUEST FOR REVIEW BY STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the government house leader. Noting the paucity of government orders on the order paper I wish to ask whether consideration is now being given to initiating steps for a thorough review of the Canada Elections Act by the appropriate committee?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, if the hon. [Mr. Hellyer.]

will find there is quite enough business listed on it, but it would be our intention to refer all aspects of the Canada Elections Act to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Macquarrie: Does the minister mean the whole act?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, if we refer only the whole act this would not encompass some additional suggestions that have been made to hon, members in a recent report; so I think it would be better to have a broader reference to the committee than just the existing statute.

LABOUR CONDITIONS

ENCOURAGEMENT IN ESTABLISHING MARITIME UNION

Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Finance supplementary to one asked earlier this morning regarding depressed conditions in the maritime provinces, and their need for further financial help. Would the Minister of Finance do what he can to encourage the maritime provinces in their current study of the benefits of establishing a Maritime union?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, this of course is a matter for the maritime provinces. I understand they are carrying out such discussions and I believe they have commissioned an economic study in this regard.

[Translation]

THE SENATE

INQUIRY AS TO ABOLITION

Mr. Henri Latulippe (Compton): Mr. Speaker, I would like to put a question to the Right Honourable Prime Minister.

I would like to ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister if he or his government thought of abolishing the Senate?

[English]

HOUSING

IMPLEMENTATION OF TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport, who is in charge of housing. In view of the fact that the hon. member for Parkdale informed the house last night he had been advised by the minister member looks again at the notice paper he that legislation in respect of housing would be