

coming from social security, medicare or other government sources.

LENGTH OF TIME MINISTER HAD INFORMATION CONCERNING
LISTS OF OLD AGE PENSIONERS USED BY UNITED STATES
COMPANY

Mr. Allan Lawrence (Northumberland-Durham): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the same minister a supplementary question. How long has he had that information? My understanding was that he gave an undertaking in the House that as soon as the information was available, without any prompting from his own backbenchers, he would make it available to the House.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member for Ottawa-Carleton will confirm, I have had that information for several days, but I was waiting for the hon. member for Prince Albert to raise the question. I had a discussion with the hon. member for Prince Albert on the telephone yesterday morning and told him that I would be in the House yesterday, but the hon. member chose not to ask the question. He chose to ask another question, so I am not surprised—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Lalonde:—that if the hon. member's colleagues do not do their homework, our members have to do it.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, arising out of the statement just made by the minister, who is famous for his contributions and dialling judges—

Some hon. Members: Ask your question.

Mr. Diefenbaker: I very much appreciate that he held up the answer until my return. I was absent because of my wife.

Yesterday the minister telephoned me and said that he was going to bring this matter up. I waited; he was silent.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Diefenbaker: I am not here to correct the hon. gentleman, but I point out that his continual reference to me as "the hon. member"—

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Speaker: Order please, I do not know that we can solve this disagreement in the question period. I know the right hon. member for Prince Albert was seeking the floor. Perhaps he has a question on another matter.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, I think it is right for me to bring up the fact that the hon. gentleman invariably refers to me as "the hon. member". I am the only right hon. member who is a member of Her Majesty's Privy Council.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Oral Questions

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

CONSULTATION WITH PROVINCES ON ESTABLISHMENT OF
FEDERAL LOTTERY

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, I will direct my question to the Minister of Justice. It has to do with widespread opposition across the country to the establishment of a Crown corporation lottery. In view of the fact that lotteries come within the jurisdiction of the provinces, have the provinces been consulted, and have they accepted something they strongly objected to in the past, namely, a national lottery which will take income from the provinces which should remain in the provinces?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I hope the right hon. gentleman's previous interjection did not indicate that he needed an adjective to show that he is honourable.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Paproski: You are just a dirty Basford. You will be growing hair when he gets finished with you.

Mr. Basford: With regard to the question, it is clearly established under the Criminal Code that lotteries may be permitted by the governor in council or by lieutenant governors in council. With regard to the second part of the question as to the degree of consultation, I will ask my friend the President of the Treasury Board to answer that.

Hon. Jean Chrétien (President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, I would like to say to the right hon. member for Prince Albert that there were extensive consultations among all the provinces on that subject.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Did they accept?

Mr. Chrétien: There was no agreement between the provinces, and that is why we have decided to step in. I would like to inform the right hon. member that we had a vote in committee, and the count was eleven to one; all the members of his party supported Loto Canada.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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ANTI-INFLATION BOARD

REJECTION OF WAGE AWARD TO AIRCRAFT SAFETY
INSPECTORS—GOVERNMENT ACTION

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance. In the light of the fact that the aircraft safety inspectors group of the Ministry of Transport, who review and renew airplane pilots's licences, will be going on strike this coming Friday, what action does the minister propose to take with regard to the decision of the Anti-Inflation Board to reject the binding award of Mr. Justice Emmett Hall in the recent aircraft operations group dispute? The reason for the strike