

## Oral Questions

## ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

## FINANCE

POSSIBILITY OF PRESENTATION OF BUDGET AND  
ELIMINATION OF TAX ON BUILDING MATERIALS

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Finance whether he intends at an early date to present a budget, either a mini-budget or a full-fledged budget, and, if so, whether he has any intention of eliminating the 11 per cent sales tax on building material. I am thinking, also, of the federal government sales tax on all clothing, not merely on children's clothing.

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance):** It is not my present intention to do so.

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## GRAIN

SUGGESTED DISMISSAL OF MINISTER IN VIEW OF  
REVERSAL ON DOMESTIC SUBSIDY PROGRAM

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** One supplementary, in view of the hour. I should like to ask the Prime Minister, now that the entire cabinet is supporting a reversal of the domestic grain subsidy program announced by the responsible minister back in July, and in view of the fact that this minister also implemented the disastrous LIFT program, whether he will tell the House why he continues to keep that minister in charge of that particular responsibility.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I have some doubt as to the admissibility of the question from the point of view of procedure. I do not think the question is in order.

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## FINANCE

INTEREST RATES—LACK OF REFERENCE IN PRIME  
MINISTER'S STATEMENT—POSSIBLE GOVERNMENT  
ACTION

**Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby):** I have a question for the Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker. In view of the fact that there was nothing about interest rates in the announcement he made this afternoon, could the right hon. gentleman inform the House whether or not it is the intention of the government within the next few days to bring forward a bill dealing with the interest rate situation, particularly with respect to mortgages?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** No, Mr. Speaker.

[Mr. Oberle.]

## HOUSING

ASSISTED HOME OWNERSHIPS PROGRAM—REQUEST FOR  
INCREASE IN FUNDS

**Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby):** A supplementary to the Minister of State for Urban Affairs. In view of the fact that the housing legislation we passed shortly before the recess contained within it a proposal to assist home ownership, and since there is a relatively small amount of money set aside for that purpose, can the minister, as a means of ensuring a greater flow of money into the construction of homes for people of average income, undertake to substantially increase the amount of money going into this aspect of the home ownership program?

**Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of State for Urban Affairs):** The assisted home ownership program would help those earning between \$6,000 and \$11,000 a year to purchase homes at rates which go down to 6 per cent. The sum of \$134 million was set aside for this purpose and since the legislation only became operative for practical purposes in August, we have not nearly expended that \$134 million. So at this point of time the question is hypothetical.

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[Translation]

## AGRICULTURE

FEED GRAIN—REPRESENTATIONS BY QUEBEC UPA—  
MINISTER'S POSITION

**Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the hon. Minister of Agriculture.

Can he tell the House whether he has received a telegram from the Quebec FPV whereby this organization expresses its dissatisfaction with the results obtained to date by Quebec farm producers, following the implementation of the new policy on feed grains for 1973-74? If so, what was his reply?

[English]

**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):** I have not seen any telegram from the organization the hon. member mentioned, but I do know I was requested to meet this group of people.

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## GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

REQUEST FOR MEANS OF TESTING CONFIDENCE IN  
GOVERNMENT

**Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):** A supplementary to the Prime Minister. In view of the fact that the statement the right hon. gentleman made today meets only two of the four conditions set out by the leader of the New Democratic Party in his shopping list of August 21—I refer specifically to the failure of the government to meet the NDP demand with respect to the food prices review board, and interest rates—