

taking a look at it; that is what is taking the time. I would like to look at all the circumstances as to why he was in the prohibited class and whether the time-frame that has gone by since the last offence would warrant ministerial permit intervention at this time.

**Mr. Patterson:** Mr. Speaker, since Mrs. Cruz and her seven-month old son are being forced to go on public assistance, and since their mortgage company is proceeding with foreclosure action, could the minister assure the House that he will take not only a personal interest but will do all he can to expedite the decision in this matter?

**Mr. Cullen:** Mr. Speaker, I have already given the undertaking that I will expedite the decision. I cannot give an undertaking that the decision will be positive.

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#### POST OFFICE

##### REMOVAL OF TELEPHONES FROM RURAL POST OFFICES

**Mr. Cecil Smith (Churchill):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Postmaster General: I previously raised it under Standing Order 43. Removal of phones from rural post offices has caused hardship for rural customers. Also, at this time the safekeeping of the Queen's mail must be a top priority. Would the minister now confirm that he will requisition hand-bells for postmasters, so that in case of fire they can go running down the street shouting "Fire"?

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#### MANPOWER

##### REQUESTED PROGRAM FOR SHOEMAKER TRAINING

**Mr. Arnold Peters (Timiskaming):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a question of the Minister of Unemployment and Immigration. Following some inquiries I made of Manpower, I understand there is no training provided for shoemakers. In light of the fact that shoes are very expensive in northern Ontario, and we could use a number of shoemakers to do repairs, will the minister give consideration to implementing a program of shoemaker training under Manpower facilities?

**An hon. Member:** It is against their contract.

**Hon. Bud Cullen (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, the initiative and responsibility is provincial in providing the particular sources. Under the various adult occupational training programs, or the \$96 million we make available for apprenticeship programs, we must work in agreement with the provinces. I have the hon. member's representation. I know his "soul" is in it, and we will give it every consideration.

**Mr. Gillies:** Only a "heel" would make a statement like that.

#### Oral Questions

#### ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

##### USE OF OFFICIAL LANGUAGES IN COURTS

**Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Justice. In light of the debate on Bill C-42, language in the courts, that will continue this afternoon, perhaps the answer to my question will shorten it. I suggested in my speech, on behalf of the party, an amendment under which, if the act is to come into force, it would be jointly proclaimed not only by the federal government but by the provincial governments, if the law is to be adopted by the provinces, in line with the administration of justice which falls under provincial jurisdiction. Would the Minister of Justice comment on that matter, because I am sure it would shorten the debate?

**Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, without getting into a debate with the hon. member, I take some exception in light of my view that the legislation as presented is perfectly constitutional. As I have already indicated, I have not taken a firm position on the proposed amendment. I am having my officers examine it from a constitutional and policy point of view. I have indicated to my colleagues that I want to discuss this matter with them early next week so that I will be in a position to respond to the hon. member in committee if the bill gets that far.

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#### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

##### UNREST IN SOUTH WEST AFRICA

**Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. As the minister is aware, there has been dissatisfaction expressed by members of the United Nations over the mandate exercised by South Africa over South West Africa, and South Africa has indicated that they will keep their 15,000, approximately, troops in South West Africa just as long as Cuba keeps a similar number of troops, revolutionaries and mercenaries on the southwest Angola border.

My question to the minister is: Has he asked Cuba to withdraw these troops, in the interest of establishing peace in this much troubled area? Also, since it is my understanding that he was delegated as a spokesman to make a presentation which would solve this problem to the South Africans, has his concept been accepted and has SWAPO, the South West African People's Organization, accepted his proposal to establish peace in South West Africa?

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**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, it is quite difficult to answer all of those points succinctly, but I shall do my best. On the matter of South African troops in Namibia, or South West Africa, the description the hon. member has given probably predates the proposals put before the United Nations last week. These