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LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM—GRANT TO PROCESS OF THE FINAL JUDGMENT—REQUEST FOR TABLING OF ENDORSEMENTS AND COMMITTEE INQUIRY

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I will resist the natural inclination to deal with the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and put that off until later. I should like to ask the Acting Prime Minister a question. In light of the fact that last Wednesday, as found on page 425 of *Hansard* of March 1, the Acting Prime Minister enthusiastically endorsed a grant of \$26,000 under the local initiatives program to The Process of the Final Judgment church and cited several endorsements by the Bank of Montreal, the YMCA, the mental retardation centre, and the Premier of Ontario and in view of the fact a newspaper report is circulating in Toronto today that these organizations, or most of them, have denied endorsing or approving this particular local initiatives program, will the Acting Prime Minister be good enough to secure and table the endorsements in question so that we in the House may have a chance to examine them?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Labour will be very happy to deal with this question when he is here on Monday.

Mr. Baldwin: As the Acting Prime Minister was very conversant with the subject on Wednesday I should like to ask him this supplementary question. As this program is costing many hundreds of millions of dollars and as the supplementary estimates were rushed through the Miscellaneous Estimates Committee without adequate opportunity being given to study the matter, will the Acting Prime Minister do his very best to see that this particular issue of the local initiatives program is referred to a specific committee for close examination and study on behalf of the taxpayers of Canada?

Mr. Sharp: There will be the same opportunity to discuss this program as all other programs of the government, and if the opposition is sufficiently diligent in these committees I am sure they will be able to obtain all the information they want.

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Would the Acting Prime Minister, having regard to the details given in the *Toronto Sun*, look into these grants that are being made under the LIP program such as the one to the Rochdale free clinic which provides counselling to deserters and draft dodgers and grants to various other organizations connected with Rochdale which has been described as a refuge for draft dodgers, deserters and drug pushers? Will he have this looked into, because other worthy projects are being turned down and it is difficult to understand why such projects as the Rochdale grants should have been permitted?

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY

REMOVAL OF STATION AGENTS, SASKATCHEWAN AND ALBERTA—REVIEW OF TRANSPORT COMMISSION ORDER BY MINISTER OR CABINET

Mr. John Burton (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport following questions asked previously in the House concerning the decision of the Canadian Transport Commission to allow the Canadian Pacific Railway to close a large number of station agencies in Saskatchewan and Alberta and to allow the establishment of a customer service centre in Saskatoon. Has the minister considered this matter or has it been considered by the cabinet in terms of the government taking some initiative in reviewing or altering the decision rendered by the Canadian Transport Commission?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, the specific answer to my hon. friend is no, it has not been considered in the manner he outlined. I have explained to the House on previous occasions that there is a provision, first of all, for an appeal against this decision which anyone can take if they so desire and, second, that the CTC has indicated that if in any way the railway company breaches the instructions or regulations that were laid down, a complaint can be filed.

Mr. Burton: May I ask the minister whether he has received any indication of appeal procedures or any other actions that will be taken as a result of this decision, and will the minister or the federal government be taking any action in conjunction with any such procedures?

Mr. Jamieson: To my knowledge a formal appeal has not been received. There have been communications or objections of an informal nature but nothing that conforms to the National Transportation Act. Since that is the case, or at least to my knowledge that is the case, the second part of the question is hypothetical until an appeal is received.

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GRAIN

TAKEOVER OF FEDERAL GRAIN COMPANY ELEVATORS BY POOLS—ACTION RESPECTING BOXCAR ALLOTMENT TO ASSURE SUFFICIENT SPACE IN OTHER ELEVATORS FOR DELIVERY

Mr. Cliff Downey (Battle River): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the minister in charge of the Wheat Board and arises out of the purchase of Federal Grain by the Prairie wheat pools and the fact that this consolidation gives one company approximately two-thirds of the country elevator system. Can the minister say what steps are being taken to change the 12-month floating average method, or what is referred to as the Bracken formula, for the allotment of boxcars so that other elevator companies will have sufficient space available to ensure that their customers have delivery privileges and that true competition in the grain buying trade will exist and not just seem to exist?