

Supply—Justice

[English]

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT TO INCREASE ALLOWABLE INCOME

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. D. Alkenbrack (Prince Edward-Lennox): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the hon. Minister of National Health and Welfare. The Old Age Assistance Act states that to qualify for assistance the combined annual income of husband and wife must not exceed the sum of \$2,220, assistance included. Will the government amend this act to increase the allowable income figure to a sum in keeping with the rapid rise in the cost of living?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This question is not in order.

NORTHERN AFFAIRS

RECOMMENDATION RESPECTING INDIAN AND ESKIMO RIGHTS COMMISSION

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday last the hon. member for Yukon asked me a question as to our intentions with regard to a purported resolution of the Indian and Métis Association of Canada in annual convention. I have to tell the hon. member that as yet we have received no resolution from this organization.

THE BUDGET

INQUIRY AS TO PROBABLE DATE OF PRESENTATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Finance whether he can tell us when he will be bringing down the budget?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, it seems a little premature, in view of the progress that has been made in the house, for me to make a statement of that nature at this time. But may I say that I hope it will be earlier rather than later.

Mr. Knowles: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Earlier rather than later in what month?

[Translation]

WINTER WORKS

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, the day before yesterday, the hon. member for Mégantic (Mr. Langlois) asked me if I had received communications from various municipalities requesting an extension of the period during which winter projects may be carried out under the winter works legislation.

I wish to inform him that I did receive such requests.

Mr. Raymond Langlois (Mégantic): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a supplementary question.

Is it the minister's intention to accede to those requests by granting the extension asked by the municipalities?

Mr. Marchand: Mr. Speaker, the winter works program is being amended constantly in keeping with changing realities. Such requests will be taken into consideration in the study of that program.

[English]

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the minister a supplementary question. If the Canadian Expo was to be incorporated into a municipality, could it take advantage of the winter works program to assist it financially?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

SUPPLY

The house in committee of supply, Mr. Batten in the chair.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Legal and other services—

1. Administration including the office of the superintendent of bankruptcy, grants and contributions as detailed in the estimates, gratuities to the widows or such dependents as may be approved by treasury board of judges who die while in office and authority to make recoverable advances for the administration of justice on behalf of the governments of the Northwest Territories and the Yukon Territory, \$2,504,300.

The Chairman: Order. House again in committee of supply, estimates of the Department of Justice for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1966. vote No. 1. Shall vote No. 1 carry?