

Oral Questions

[Translation]

SOCIAL SECURITY

FAMILY ALLOWANCES—SUGGESTED PAYMENT UNTIL
COMPLETION OF EDUCATION

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the hon. Minister of National Health and Welfare.

In view of the fact that the minister expects to table a bill on family allowances, and that young people have to complete their studies at a much later age than before, does the minister intend to include in his bill the provision that the family allowance be paid in respect of any child who is still studying?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): No, Mr. Speaker, but the government intends to extend family allowance benefits to all 16 and 17 year olds, whether or not they are students, so that this allowance will be universal for all children up to the age of 17 inclusive.

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[English]

TRANSPORT

REFERENCE OF ANNUAL REPORTS OF CANADIAN
NATIONAL RAILWAYS AND AIR CANADA TO STANDING
COMMITTEE

Mr. J. R. Ellis (Hastings): Mr. Speaker, on June 5 I asked the Minister of Transport, and would like to ask him again in light of the answer he gave then and the answer he gave the hon. member for Vegreville the other day, whether he intends to refer the reports of Canadian National Railways and Air Canada to the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications.

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I think the question was put to me yesterday or the day before. I am having discussions with my colleague, the House leader, and probably some time next week we can give the answer.

Mr. Ellis: Mr. Speaker, I asked the question on June 5 and the minister said referral was automatic. Two days ago he said he was going to discuss it with his colleagues. Surely we can have a yes or no now to a simple question like that.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Lambton-Kent.

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HEALTH

REQUEST BY NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE FOR
ADDITIONAL RESEARCH FUNDS

Mr. J. R. Holmes (Lambton-Kent): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Health and Welfare and is a follow-up of the question I asked

[Mr. Munro (Hamilton East).]

Wednesday regarding the financial crisis of the National Cancer Institute. In view of the fact this institute has been providing excellent research service in the field of cancer with only \$250,000 a year in federal grants, and in view of the fact that its present \$1 million debt indicates that it is no longer able to provide its services on that budget, can the minister now indicate whether the government intends to extend its financial support to the National Cancer Institute so it will be able to continue its very effective work?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, the question concerns extending support. I do not think there has been any question of cancelling the support we have been giving this institute.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

POSITION OF CANADIAN GOVERNMENT ON UNITED
STATES AUTOMOBILE EMISSION CONTROL STANDARDS

Mr. Jack Cullen (Sarnia-Lambton): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of the Environment. In view of the statement made by the minister yesterday, can we now anticipate that the Canadian government will not accept or follow the unreasonably high emission control standards established by the United States which will accomplish very little and will act to the detriment of Canadian consumers?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of the Environment): Mr. Speaker, Canada has been following the lead of the United States up until now. Ministers will be meeting soon to consider where we will go in 1975 and following years.

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AIRPORTS

TERMINAL No. 2, TORONTO—OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC
AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TO COMMENT ON
PROPOSED EXTENSION PLANS

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Peel South): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport. In view of the suggestion that there are plans available, or shortly to be available for the extension of Terminal No. 2 in Toronto, would the minister advise the House whether he will allow the public and the Standing Committee on Transport to comment on these plans before any further blunders are made in the terminal transportation set-up in Toronto?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, as you know, Terminal No. 2 in Toronto was supposed to be built in three phases. Two have been completed and there is a third one. I do not think it would be feasible to change all the plans at this moment. If we ever have a terminal three, at that time maybe we can have the contribution of the hon. gentleman and other people who are interested.