

*Inquiries of the Ministry***VETERANS AFFAIRS****INTEGRATION OF VETERANS CHARTER WITH SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAMS**

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Veterans Affairs. It arises from a reply given by the Prime Minister the other day which indicated that veterans benefits are being included in general social welfare policy. Is it now the policy of the government to integrate the veterans charter, which gives veterans special rights arising from the special services they rendered to the country, with general welfare programs?

Mr. Speaker: Order. This question was asked in similar terms on at least one occasion. I am not sure whether there is any point in having the minister give the reply which he has already given to the House.

Mr. Dinsdale: On a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker, the reason I am asking this question is that there was ambiguity in the answer and I have now phrased the question in such a way as to avoid that ambiguity. I am asking specifically whether the veterans charter is being integrated with the general social welfare programs?

Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Veterans Affairs): No, Mr. Speaker, it is not. There is quite a distinction between social legislation and social welfare. What the Prime Minister has said and what I have said is that veterans benefits are part of social legislation, not social welfare.

Mr. Dinsdale: I have a supplementary question arising from that answer, Mr. Speaker. In view of the minister's further reply, is it his intention to review the benefits under the veterans charter and increase them in light of the rising cost of living, prior to the general review of social welfare programs?

Mr. Dubé: Some of the benefits provided for veterans are now being reviewed under the white paper and are before the Veterans Affairs Committee at the present time.

MANPOWER**SUMMER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS**

Mr. P. V. Noble (Grey-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct this question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Would the minister indicate to the House to

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what extent his department, in co-operation with the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, has succeeded in the objective of placing the half a million unemployed students in summer jobs?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The Chair has no objection to the minister replying to this very important question, but the minister might consider whether it might not be advisable to make a general statement on motions. However, I am sure hon. members would be agreeable to hearing a short statement from the minister at this time.

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, my statement will be very short. It is impossible at the moment to determine the success of our program. We will be able to do that at the end of the summer, but in the meantime I will be happy to give the hon. member a statement on the steps that are being taken with respect to the summer program.

HOURS OF WORK OF STUDENTS EMPLOYED BY FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS

Mr. W. C. Scott (Victoria-Haliburton): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the minister. In view of the fact that some students worked in excess of 80 hours per week for federal departments last year, will this still be the policy of federal departments this year?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I would like to check into the extent of this practice if it does exist.

[Later:]

Mr. Scott: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I would be very glad to give the minister any information in this connection that he desires.

"HIRE A STUDENT" CAMPAIGN—SPECIAL PROGRAMS IN ECONOMICALLY DEPRESSED REGIONS

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the minister whether his department will continue to support the "Hire a Student" campaign which it conducted last year?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Yes, Mr. Speaker, we are continuing it. We are working this year with the Canadian Chamber of Com-