

*Inquiries of the Ministry***FINANCE**CONSIDERATION OF TAXATION REPORT BY
JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): My question is addressed to the Minister of Finance. On Friday last I asked the Secretary of State for External Affairs, who was then leading the government, whether the government would give favourable consideration to referring the content of the Carter report and related provincial reports on taxation to the committee on finance, trade and economic affairs, or to a special Senate-House of Commons committee, for study prior to the presentation of a government white paper. Would the hon. gentleman care to comment?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): Since the Carter commission was appointed not by us but by the government of which the hon. gentleman was a member I feel it would be better and more in the interests of the expedition of business here if the committee to which this subject was being referred were to have before it for consideration not only the recommendations of such a commission but the recommendations of the government.

Mr. Lambert: Perhaps the minister would also consider the impact of provincial reports on related subjects, since—

Mr. Speaker: Order. This is obviously not a question.

Mr. Colin Cameron (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Do I understand the minister to suggest that the committee would have before it only the government's white paper, not the report?

Mr. Sharp: No, Mr. Speaker. At that time the committee could have before it any documents it wished. I feel it should have before it the government's recommendations, at any rate. It will, of course, also have the Carter commission report, which is public property and which can be referred to the committee at any time.

TRANSPORTSECOND FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN
NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW ENGLAND

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (Queens-Lunenburg): I have a question to direct to the Minister of Transport. In view of the importance of the tourist industry to the Atlantic provinces, can

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the minister give us any indication of the progress being made toward establishing a second ferry service between the United States and Nova Scotia?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): I am not in a position to report on that at the moment.

Mr. Crouse: Has a request been received by the Minister of Transport from a group in Gloucester, Mass., seeking federal assistance in connection with the establishment of a ferry terminal in Nova Scotia?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRSRHODESIA—POSSIBLE REVIEW OF CANADIAN
POSITION ON SANCTIONS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Gordon Churchill (Winnipeg South Centre): My question is directed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs; it relates to Southern Rhodesia and to the answer the hon. gentleman gave the other day to a question by the hon. member for Okanagan-Revelstoke. Will the minister tell the house what further serious sanctions he has in mind in an attempt to cripple the economy of Southern Rhodesia?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): As I indicated in my reply the other day, these are matters which, first of all, we would want to have discussed in the sanctions committee which normally meets in London. Likewise we would wish to consider them in consultation with other countries at the United Nations when this question comes before the security council.

Mr. Churchill: The minister refers often to "the illegal government of Southern Rhodesia". Is he contemplating similar sanctions against other illegal governments?

HOUSE OF COMMONSCONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE REPORT ON
ELECTION EXPENSES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister. Will the report of the committee on election expenses be referred at an early date to the committee on privileges and elections? May I also ask whether the