Inquiries of the Ministry

HEALTH AND WELFARE

STEPS TO OVERCOME SHORTAGE OF MEDICAL PERSONNEL

On the orders of the day:

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe North): Mr. Speaker, I would like to address a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the alarming statement by a select committee of top medical doctors in Canada to the Medical Research Council of this country that the federal freeze on health resource grants might destroy all possibility of admitting more medical students, so urgently needed with medicare being pushed across Canada by the federal government, would the minister consider this problem when the federal and provincial ministers meet in December?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, the problem of adequate facilities for the training of health personnel is always an important matter, and undoubtedly we will be discussing this question with our provincial counterparts.

[Translation]

INDUSTRY

PRODUCTION IN CANADA OF PARTS FOR NEW JET PLANES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport but, in his absence, I will direct it to his parliamentary secretary.

Air Canada has ordered 10 L-1011 jets from the Lockheed Company which, it seems, would agree to certain parts being made in Canada. Could the parliamentary secretary confirm at this time that agreements are now being negotiated between Canada and the company so that parts used for building these jets may be made in Canada and Canadian manpower may be used?

Mr. Speaker: I think the question could be put on the order paper. If it is urgent the hon, member could discuss it at the time of adjournment.

[English]

HOUSE OF COMMONS

PROCEDURE IN CONSIDERING RECOMMENDA-TIONS OF COMMITTEES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. Is the government going to amend the rules of [Mr. Davis.]

procedure so that decisions taken by standing and special committees of this house can be rescinded should such decisions prove unwelcome to the government, as is presently being attempted in the standing committee on transport?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The question is argumentative and I do not think it is acceptable in that form.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

REQUEST FOR TABLING OF ARDA REPORT ON INDIAN POVERTY AREAS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. In order that we may have full and informed public discussion, will the minister table the ARDA report on Indian poverty areas, excerpts from which have been published in the press?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, I am unable to table this report immediately. However, I hope to be able to do it at the beginning of next month. According to the rules, we are waiting for the French translation before tabling this report.

[English]

Mr. Simpson: Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether I could have the permission of the house to table the report myself.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond):
—in that the hon. member for Churchill has referred to a document which he indicated his willingness to table, I think it would be within the rules if the hon. member now tabled that document.

Mr. Trudeau: In both languages?

[Translation]

Mr. Chrétien: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege.

I was listening to the simultaneous translation and I did not understand very well. I