

introduce amendments to its housing legislation so that it will really provide houses for people who need them?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, in a very few days the house will have occasion to listen to the housing policy as proposed by the Minister without Portfolio from Ontario.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In view of what the Prime Minister saw over the weekend, will he not agree that the government's housing legislation is hopelessly inadequate?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest to the Prime Minister that the question as asked cannot be answered because it is clearly out of order.

MUNICIPAL PROJECTS UNDER NEW GUIDELINES

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): Mr. Speaker, before I ask my question may I be permitted to compliment you, Sir, on behalf of the house, on the signal honour bestowed upon you by a university from which I also obtained a degree or two.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. McCleave: I think you worked harder for yours, Sir, than I did for mine.

My question is directed to the minister responsible for housing, but before I start may I at this first opportunity compliment him upon assuming a very important portfolio. The question arises out of the trip made by the right hon. Prime Minister to New Brunswick over the weekend. Can the minister say when the municipalities will be in a position to start public housing projects under the new guidelines to be announced by the minister in a few days time?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister Without Portfolio): In a few days time, Mr. Speaker.

[Translation]

LABOUR CONDITIONS

MONTREAL—LAY-OFF OF CANADIAN VICKERS EMPLOYEES

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, I had a question to ask the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. Since he is not here, I shall direct it to the Prime Minister.

In view of the regrettable situation in which employees of the Canadian Vickers, in Montreal, find themselves, as a great many of

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them are being laid off, is the Prime Minister personally dealing with this situation and could he tell us whether the government has a solution to propose in order to help those employees or to find a solution to the serious problem existing in Montreal?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I am not dealing personally with that problem; that is why we have appointed ministers.

Mr. Caouette: Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a supplementary question.

The Prime Minister remains just the same, I believe, the Prime Minister of the country. Now, according to the list I have in hand, the responsible minister should be in the house today.

Mr. Trudeau: Today is Tuesday.

Mr. Caouette: Then, Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister should be in a position to tell us if the cabinet is considering any solution to the problems facing Canadian Vickers employees.

Mr. Speaker: It seems to me the hon. member is only repeating the question he asked at the very beginning.

[English]

THE CORPORATIONS ACT

REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURE OF AMENDMENTS

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): My question is for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Would the minister disclose now the general nature of the amendments to The Corporations Act which he intends to propose to the house, and which he was so careful to disclose to the press prior to the weekend?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I expect the legislation to receive first reading in a few days time, and that is wren any announcement will be made. I have no idea to what the hon. member is referring.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. The minister's reading is not up to date. Would he deign to disclose to the house whether the minister and the government are going to insist on the passage of these amendments by both houses prior to the end of June?

Mr. Basford: The bill will be read the first time this week, I hope; but the progress of business of the house is really not in my hands.